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1,600 passengers stranded—MVA

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» Downed vehicle forces CPA to reduce index of operations

» Steering control assembly for downed firefighting vehicle set to arrive today

The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport was forced to restrict the size of aircraft that can fly in with passengers, after a runway firefighting truck went down for maintenance last Friday. This stranded about 1,600 passengers over the weekend, local tourism and airport officials said yesterday.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority says they are urgently tracking and have expedited the arrival of equipment to repair the Airport Rescue and Firefighting "Crash 8" unit vehicle.

The ports authority expects the equipment—or a steering gear box—to arrive this morning from a manufacturer out of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They expect a win-

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AG: CUC subcommittee expenses illegal; board expenses balloon to nearly $50K

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Public law prohibits the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from paying board members for personnel subcommittee meetings—regardless if the payment is characterized as compensation or as an honorarium, says the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

The OAG was responding to a request from CUC for an opinion on whether board members could be paid for committee meetings.

"The short answer, as you can see, is…no," CUC counsel James Sirok told board members on Thursday.

When *Saipan Tribune* first broke the story in July, the CUC board had outspent by $17,704 its year-to-date budget of $24,925 nine months into the fiscal year.

The board's budget for the entire fiscal year is $33,300. As of last Friday, its expenses stood at $49,566.79, according to the latest breakdown of ex-

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PSS announces start of schools on Saipan

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» 50 buildings damaged; 'half-day' sessions planned

When Garapan Elementary School teacher Peter Loken arrived back on island after vacation last weekend, he saw a "new island."

Loken is one of the many Public School System teachers and staff who reported to work for their first day back at school after Typhoon Soudelor left Saipan in a state of disaster.

Some 50 PSS buildings were damaged by the storm. At Garapan Elementary School alone, buildings A, B, and C were seriously damaged, putting 14 classrooms out-of-use for the coming school year.

"Trying to get back into a routine—or some normalcy—when's it's totally not like it is, is going to be a challenge for most students," Loken said.

PSS announced yesterday that they have scheduled Head Start and elementary

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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan shows off one of the damaged classrooms at the Garapan Elementary School.
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Local

Tan Holdings hands out relief kits to villages, shelters

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Tan Holdings Corp. has been doing its part to be of assistance to Saipan as it recovers from the destruction of Typhoon Soudelor.

Last Aug. 13, Tan Holdings officials, employees, and volunteers went around some villages to visit households and personally deliver much needed relief items.

"We basically provided every home that had an occupant," vice president for corporate business development Alex Sablan said.

Tan Holdings was able to give 200 relief kits to homes in Tanapag, Achugao, and San Roque.

"While there are many devastated areas, these are the areas that were hit hard," Sablan said, "We were trying to do our best with what we had."

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan led executives and other members of Tan Holdings in visiting residents severely affected by Soudelor.

Items in the relief kits included basic necessities such as canned goods, tissue, soap, detergent, and water, sourced from various companies of Tan Holdings such as Cosmos, D&Q, 880, POI Aviation, Century Tours, and Let's Go Tours.

Let's Go Tour's Razrs were used to deliver relief kits to houses in roads that were too narrow for ordinary vehicles to pass.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tan Holdings' Malou Ernest hands out a relief kit to a typhoon victim in Tanapag.

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Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan hands out relief kits to a household in San Roque.

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Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan comforts a typhoon victim.

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Tan Holdings' Ivan Quichocho hands out a relief kit to a typhoon survivor in Tanapag.

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Tan Holdings executive Alex Sablan poses with a typhoon survivor after giving him a relief kit.

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Tan Holdings executive Alex Sablan poses with shelterees at the Kagman Community Center after presenting them with a donation of futons.

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Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, left, is joined by executives Ivan Quichocho and Alex Sablan after presenting a donation of futons to the Aging Center in China Town.

Donated futons

Before the winds and rains brought by Tropical Storm Goni picked up last weekend, Tan Holdings was also able to bring futons to the Kagman Community Center and the Aging Center in Chinatown, both identified as long-term shelters.

Twenty-five futons were given to Kagman while 45 were donated to the families seeking shelter in the Aging Center.

Tan Holdings also gave out futons and relief kits to at least a hundred employees that were displaced by Typhoon Soudelor.

The company is looking at expanding the project to also bring relief kits to other villages as it continues to acquire items from off-island and bring them here on Saipan, which is quite a challenge.

Two airlifts already brought in supplies such as LED lanterns, lamps, futons, and 32-gallon water containers.

"We're just waiting for some more supplies to be shipped in," Sablan said.

Aside from handing out relief goods, Tan Holdings has also been busy cleaning up around the island.

Cleanup drives were organized in places such as Garapan, where many tourists pass by, and outdoor areas such as Oleai Sports Complex Track and Field/Football Field, and the San Antonio Middle School Football Field.

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A Tanapag resident expresses appreciation after being handed a relief kit.

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Relief kits are handed out by Tan Holdings volunteers to residents in Tanapag.

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Tan Holdings executive Ivan Quichocho hands out relief kits in San Roque.

Kilili insists Inos should 'exercise authority'

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos to "exercise the authority he already has, to use the federal money that is already there, to help more people, more quickly, and get that money flowing into our economy."

Sablan, in a statement to media, also said the last thing he wants "is an argument over semantics about what 'being denied' or 'turned away' means."

"When we say people are being denied or turned away, we mean that they are not getting the help they need. They do not have to line up at the food stamp office and be told they do not qualify. The point is that, in this state of disaster, they should qualify," Sablan said.

He earlier claimed that due to eligibility guidelines "hundreds of people who desperately need food assistance—and who should be qualified for such aid in this state of disaster—are being denied by the Nutritional Assistance Program."

"We should all be concerned that there are people who are not getting the help they desperately need in this state of disaster. Many, many families lost all their food in Typhoon Soudelor," he said.

Sablan maintains that "many families are not lining up at the food stamp office for disaster assistance because they took one look at the income guidelines released by the local government and knew they would not be eligible."

Sablan said the Food and Nutrition Service has authorized the CNMI government to open up eligibility for food stamps to any household in the Northern Marianas with an income up to four times the normal income required to receive food stamps.

He said this increased eligibility means that, for instance, a household of four with a monthly income less than $3,732 should be eligible for assistance.

In contrast, under the current income guidelines that NAP uses for the disaster program, a family of four has to have a monthly income of less than $933 to qualify.

Sablan said the CNMI government, however, has decided not to increase income eligibility.

"The Food and Nutrition Service has informed me, however, that the Commonwealth government has decided not to increase income eligibility and that only those households that meet the normal NAP income guidelines are being given emergency food stamps. As a result, people in need are being turned away," Sablan added.

The lawmaker added that the FNS has authorized government to spend all of the $3.5 million in surplus food stamp funds that they were granted in fiscal 2015.

"You have the money. You have the authority. And here we are over two weeks after the typhoon struck and so many of our people are hungry," Sablan said.

Working on it

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they have been addressing this issue almost three weeks ago, even before Sablan's letter came out.

"There's continued talks between local government and FNS. The critical part of that is, if we go over what is allotted, then the current recipients of NAP will suffer, will be either denied or suffer in 2016," he said.

Torres said they will be releasing documents to the public showing their talks with FNS.

He said they initially got approval of $3.5 million but then received succeeding letters saying that they can only disburse $1 million and another one saying that they have to make sure that their funding is enough otherwise current NAP households might be affected.

"We would like to give to everybody, don't get me wrong, but again there are federal guidelines that we have to abide," Torres said. "It doesn't make sense for us to jeopardize those who are already in need."

The documents that Torres mentioned, however, have yet to be released.

NAP recipients

As of last week, the number of households seeking assistance from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutritional Assistance Program have increased to over 5,000.

NAP director Walter Macaranas said they were able to issue benefits to 454 households last Thursday in the amount of $148,152 under the disaster program.

NAP added that as of Thursday, only three households were denied eligibility. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Number of same-sex marriages expected to grow

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang has so far officiated three same-sex marriages since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last June 26 that all state-level bans on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional and he expects the number to grow in the next few months.

"It's only a month already and we've had our third same-sex marriage take place near the end of July and within the first two weeks of August," Apatang said.

"Our office expects more to come and they are more than welcome. If any same-sex couple would like to pick up applications they can and I would be happy to perform the ceremony," he added.

Apatang is the first mayor to administer the first same-sex union in the CNMI when two women tied the knot on July 22. Both of Chinese descent, one is a U.S citizen and the other is a nonresident.

The second one that Apatang administered was on Aug. 10, when two males of Filipino descent got married. One is a nonresident while the other is a U.S resident.

The third was on Aug. 18, with two women tying the knot.

"It is their right for them to come in and it's their decision. The number is expected to grow and so far we haven't had any more applications. We've had inquiries though," Apatang said.

He said couples—both same-sex and heterosexual—can pick up marriage applications at the Saipan Mayor's Office; the fee is $50.

Bobby Yamada, marriage coordinator for Saipan, said all the applications are available at any of the mayor's offices of the CNMI. This includes Rota, Tinian, and the Northern Islands.

"Anyone is welcome. The U.S Supreme Court ruled on the issue of same-sex marriage and it is a right guaranteed under the equal protection clause of the law and it compels all states and territories to follow," Apatang said. "We will continue to follow this and we keep it confidential upon the couple' request." ***(Jayson Camacho)***

'Use money on disaster-related needs only'

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is reminding recipients of federal assistance to use the funds only for disaster-related needs.

"Survivors are reminded to use disaster grants wisely, and those who receive funds from FEMA will get a letter outlining what those funds should be used for. They are intended for disaster-related needs," the agency said.

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The FEMA advisory warned that if the applicant spends the money on anything other than the purpose for which the payment is intended, "no additional assistance may be granted if the need arises in the future."

The CNMI Joint Information Center, meanwhile, released an update on ongoing federal assistance for survivors of Typhoon Soudelor.

According to the update, more than 7,200 registrations have been received by FEMA for disaster assistance and nearly $2.6 million has been approved for survivors so far.

FEMA is also encouraging all survivors or those affected by the typhoon to register for assistance. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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8/19/15
ITB 15-MOT-121

Renovation of Public Facilities in Tinian

The previously advertised, Invitation to Bid ("ITB") for the **"Renovation of Public Facilities in Tinian"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to extend dateline for the bid submission. The ITB shall read as follows:

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB15-MOT-121", "Renovation of Public Facilities in Tinian Project"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST September 7, 2015. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST September 7, 2015, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 7, 2015 and must be received no later than close of business Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 9:00 AM ChST September 17, 2015. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST September 7, 2015.

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except for holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670) 664-2375 or by fax at (670) 664-2408.

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schools on Saipan to begin classes on Sep. 14.

For middle, junior, and high schools on island, classes will begin on Sep. 8.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan spoke to reporters at the Garapan school campus yesterday, showing examples of the damage Soudelor left.

Because of the difficulties with no power and water, every single school on Saipan will hold half-day sessions, the commissioner said. Garapan and San Vicente elementary schools will hold "double-sessions" of half-day classes.

"We are going to have half-day sessions only until water and power is full restored," Sablan said.

PSS has water tanks at every school campus that will be filled with potable water on a regular basis for use in restrooms.

PSS expects a difficult year without electric power. They are advising all teachers to open windows and doors to circulate air in the classroom and have natural lighting.

Sablan said they are getting teachers prepared for the conditions they are going to be facing when they start instruction in a couple of weeks.

"I know it's going to be very difficult year," Sablan said. "We are preparing them for what to anticipate in terms of students who are coming to school without power or water or home."

PSS recently has placed an emphasis on technology in classrooms, but without power teachers will have to go back to the drawing board, literally.

But technology is not just computers, Sablan said. It is anything students can use to facilitate their education.

PSS plans for breakfast and lunch for students and transportation will be scheduled as normal.

Garapan Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School will have "double-sessions" this year, splitting their days between kindergarten to second grade classes in the morning, and third to fifth grade classes in the afternoon.

PSS expects new teachers, and counselors. It's still unclear how student enrollment figures have been affected. Sablan said the schools were still trying to get their student enrollment together.

PSS recruited about 15 to 20 off-island teachers for this school year

PSS schools have had as high as 12,000 and 11,000 students. Last year, they had 10,300 students. The commissioner said if they do have additional students, their capacity could go as high as 12,000.

Public school damage

PSS is preparing a "public assistance" package for Federal Emergency Management Agency to help with damage from Typhoon Soudelor.

A project specialist from FEMA was on-site yesterday doing her assessment of damage that occurred at the Garapan school.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* they expect damage costs to "run in the millions."

"We are going to start doing cost-estimates right now," adding that engineers are helping with this estimate.

"The scope of work is not going to be simple," she said.

Buildings A, B, and C at Garapan Elementary incurred the worst damage. That's one reason why GES is going into double session.

GES has a total of 14 classrooms that will not be available next school year, she said.

San Vicente has 20 to 24 damaged classrooms that need restoration.

They are the some of the largest schools in the CNMI.

"We want to make sure they are safe before we reopen them. It needs reconstruction, meaning they have to tear down parts of the roof to replace what's broken," Sablan said.

PSS is also asking for 22 generators from the local government, according to Sablan.

She said every school has a generator, but they aim for spare ones.

Sablan led reporters around GES yesterday. Once classroom had one part of its roof torn out. A bed of stagnant water collected on the classroom's floor. Computers and instructional materials were rained out.

Loken, who is also the 2013 CNMI State Teacher of the Year, said the island still has a "long way to go" to full recovery.

"I think the biggest thing will be to collaborate with our teachers, because we'll be sharing rooms and different grades in there. How do you get a 6th grader in a first grader's desk is one problem they have to solve, he said.

"We are trying to come up with creative solutions," he said.

Speaking of possible trauma students may have experienced from the typhoon, Sablan said PSS counselors will be connecting with local stakeholders and social services so that not only children but faculty and staff are given support.

"Families…are still living in tents, or partially broken homes. They are trying to make do with what they have," she said.

"Whether they know about ancient China or Greece is probably not a huge important topic this year. It's going to be about making sure everybody is healthy and safe, not just here but also at their homes too," Loken said.

CUC

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penses.

On Friday, four board members—Albert Taitano, Eric San Nicolas, Joe Torres, and Adelina Roberto—returned the checks they got for last week's meetings to offset the honorariums that they shouldn't have been paid, after being informed the day prior of the AG's opinion.

Between May and July, the board held eight meetings; several of these were committee meetings.

Since July, they continued to meet. On Friday, they included their personnel committee meeting within their regular monthly board meeting agenda.

They held a two-day meeting last week, starting Thursday.

One item discussed last Friday was an "Internal Financial Cost Savings Strategy." It's unclear if this includes cost-cuts for the board. That item was deferred.

Board treasurer Joe Torres on Thursday asked Sirok if an opinion of a previous attorney general "supersedes" another attorney general.

Sirok said the opinion Torres was referring to was issued in 2002. But the "restriction" to payments—via a public law—was enacted in 2006.

"The opinion cannot cover that," Sirok said. Public law supersedes the previous AG's opinion.

"So the only way that this can change is to amend that law again?" Torres asked. Sirok confirmed this.

Torres then told board members, "So let's work on amending this law…"

Sirok went on to explain, per the OAG letter, that the Legislature enacted this law because there were abuses going on.

"They specifically enacted this to make sure that it was clear that there wouldn't be compensation for committee meetings," Sirok said.

He said government compensation law doesn't use the term "honorarium," which CUC board members were paid for.

Compensation and honorarium are two different things, Sirok said. Board members cannot get honorariums in place of compensation.

"In essence, you would be compensating yourself. The honorarium would be compensation," Sirok further explained.

The AG's opinon

In their formal opinion, deputy attorney general Lillian Tenorio wrote that part of the longstanding confusion over whether board members may receive payments stems from whether an honorarium is a form of compensation.

"This issue arises frequently in tax law, where ordinary compensation is a form of income, but an honorarium is a purely voluntary payment and is excluded from income as a gift," she wrote.

Whether a payment is a gift or compensation depends on the intent of the payor. If a payment is made out of a "detached and disinterested generosity," it is a gift. But if a payment is made out of the "incentive of anticipated benefit," or it is "in return for services rendered," it is compensation, Tenorio explained.

She said based on the facts, payment to a board member for attendance at a subcommittee meeting is not a gift.

The board members are not a "disinterested" party; they are the governing body of CUC.

"Any so-called honorarium would be a transfer of CUC's funds to themselves," Tenorio wrote.

"Likewise, if a member is paid for attendance at a committee meeting, the payment is made 'in return of services rendered,' and cannot be a gift. Therefore, because an honorarium must be a gift, a payment of board member for attendance at a meeting is not an honorarium."

In short, the AG concludes that payment for attendance at a committee meeting is compensation, not an honorarium, and is prohibited by law.

Disband personnel committee?

The AG states that in requesting their advice, CUC noted that the personnel committee meets frequently to hold administrative hearings, and that the committee believes it should be compensated for spending so much time on personnel matters.

But Tenorio wrote that the personnel committee is not created by statute; it is a creation of the CUC board.

"If the personnel committee's procedures are cumbersome and result in members spending significant time on personnel matters, the board of directors should consider issuing new regulations modifying personnel procedures or even shrinking the personnel committee."

"Perhaps, the board should consider eliminating the personnel committee altogether and transferring its functions to a hearing office within CUC," Tenorio concludes.

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dow of eight to 10 hours for their mechanics to complete repairs.

Dynamic Airways, Sichuan Airlines, and China Eastern flights were the "most affected," according to CPA executive director Maryann Lizama.

Federal Aviation Administration regulations mandated CPA to reduce their index of operations.

"A lot of people are questioning the unpopular decision that I made, but we will always err on the side of caution, and we will never compromise safety," Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday.

Dynamic's local representative Dennis Tse said they flew rescue flights over the weekend. The last ones were scheduled to fly in yesterday, according to him.

Lizama said that with much consultation and guidance from the Federal Aviation Administration, they were given exemption to "ferry in and live-out" planes.

"…Which mean the regular aircraft comes in empty—just the pilot and crew—and they leave full," she said.

"Right now all airlines can only [live-out and ferry-in] if their aircraft is bigger than restriction. And it is only for rescue flights," Tse also said.

"As soon as CPA says that there's no more restriction, we will resume our normal operation," he added.

Meantime, the Marianas Visitors Authority confirmed over a thousand passengers stranded over the weekend.

"Yes, our estimate is about 1,600 pax stranded," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio in an email.

Smaller flights

The Saipan International Airport is an "Index D" operations per FAA guidelines. This index allows larger planes to like 747s, 777s, Airbus 380s, and Airbus 330s to come in.

Because CPA's crash unit became inoperable, the ports authority had to reduce index to "Index C" because there was a reduction in their response capabilities.

"We have to match up the size of the aircraft that come in with our response capabilities," Lizama explained.

Index C—per the FAA—indicates that aircraft between 129 feet and no more 159 feet in size are allowed to land.

Since the reduction in index, Asiana Airlines had to downgrade their aircraft to an Airbus 321.

According to the local Asiana office, they flew two Airbus 321s yesterday to accommodate the passengers that were set to fly in on one 747.

Asiana was scheduled to fly out at 8:20pm an Airbus from Korea, which was to arrive on Saipan at 1:50am today. It was set to leave at 3:20am.

Another Airbus was set to leave Korea at 8:40pm yesterday, arriving at 2:10am today and leaving at 3:40am.

Asiana staff said the same number of passengers is still coming in but on two planes.

The Crash 8 unit

In an interview, Lizama said they get audited by the FAA and get inspected on their ARFF trucks, so "there is no fooling around, when it comes to the service care and maintenance."

"It plays a huge role in our response capabilities," she said.

The Crash 8 unit has been around since 2003, according to her.

"We don't plan break downs. Because of her age, it is wear and tear. We had a required number of hours to try and fix her up as much as possible—we were not able to do that, so on the 11th hour, on the required hour she was not able to get fixed, we had to issue [a notification based on the Federal Aviation regulation]" to shut her down. We didn't sleep on these things. We did everything that we possibly could to find alternatives to try and fix her up, and when we couldn't," CPA ordered a steering column via DHL.

"We are hoping the parts come in, in the early morning flight, and we already have our mechanics and our boys on staff on standby to start working on the repairs. When the parts does get here, our mechanics are going to need eight to 10 hours, to put in the assembly as safely as possible."

Alternatives, and new trucks

Lizama says they reached out to local fire stations, the Guam International Airport Authority, and Micronesia airport partners for "alternatives," but in the end, they couldn't use a local fire truck because the ARRF craft has specific fire retardants required to be in the compartment of a truck to be able to kill fire on a plane's fuselage.

Lizama said because they didn't have the parts, they reached out to regional airport partners, but they did not have the equipment in stock.

"We've reached out but what needed to be done was to order the entire assembly."

When asked, Lizama said the islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan were ordered new trucks way before the recent situation.

The trucks are 15,000-gallon trucks, she said. Saipan would get two, she said.

"Right now they are on the manufacturing stage. They are being built."

Tinian, Rota public schools will open today

All public schools on Tinian and Rota will reopen today, Aug. 25, for over a thousand returning and new students and newly hired principal, classroom teachers, and counselors for the new school year.

For all of Saipan's public elementary, middle, and high school campuses, the impact of Typhoon Soudelor has changed the school calendar and school year opening. The school district's leadership will announce soon the reopening for Saipan for school year 2015-2016.

"The recent storm may have devastated the island of Saipan but we prevailed at the end as we move forward rebuilding our lives, our homes, and our schools to welcome everyone back to PSS," Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said.

Tinian and Rota's opening today is based on the CNMI Board of Education approved calendar of the new school year.

Tinian Elementary School will open with 315 enrollees. It will welcome three newly hired teachers and one counselor.

Tinian Junior Senior High School will have 292 students and four newly hired teachers and a special education teacher.

Sablan also announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Koenig as the new principal of Tinian Junior Senior High School.

On Rota, Sinapalo Elementary School will be the new home for 209 public school pupils. The school will have a new counselor and a new primary grade teacher.

Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior Senior High School will open its doors to 224 returning public school students and three new classroom teachers. Sablan said these are health and chemistry, mathematics and special education teachers.

During the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor, several Public School System personnel responded to emergency needs of the community particularly those who sought refuge in shelters. Several public school campuses were used as typhoon shelters.

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to many of our PSS employees who sacrificed their time away from their families to serve our community pre-Typhoon Soudelor, during the typhoon and post- Typhoon Soudelor," Sablan said. "We were at the call of over 600 families who sought shelter and transportation at PSS and you all did an outstanding job."

"Our school calendar for Saipan has changed due to the storm, and therefore, we appreciate your understanding during this school year. The school calendar for Tinian and Rota schools remain the same. Please refer to our website (www.cnmipss.org) for the modified school calendar for school year 2015-2016." ***(PSS)***

SYP continues volunteer efforts at soup kitchen

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The Saipan Young Professionals continued their volunteer efforts with the Salvation Army at last Saturday's soup kitchen.

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Despite notice of Typhoon Atsani, about 15 SYP members and friends helped to prepare and serve approximately 1,731 meals to feed families affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

"I absolutely love it! It fills me with so much joy to help my neighbors in need and to have the opportunity to share God's love," says volunteer Stephen Nowell. Nowell has been one of the few volunteers who has chosen to dedicate his time to volunteering each weekend.

SYP co-chair Bobby Cruz adds, "So many of our family and community members are doing their part to help. If you want to see positive change take shape, you ought to do your part to make that change a reality."

Cruz reiterated the committee's commitment to providing direct assistance to families in need. In keeping with their mission, the SYP Committee has chosen to volunteer at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen each weekend for the month of August leading into September.

When asked about volunteering for other relief programs, SYP chair Mable Ayuyu stated that their committee's efforts extend to the Salvation Army and beyond.

"Along with volunteering at the soup kitchen, a few of our SYP members have found individual ways to help our community. In recent weeks, some of our members have volunteered to assist in efforts led by groups like the American Red Cross."

Ayuyu thanks the SYP members for their continuous support as the island continues to make progress.

"Recovery takes time but there are organizations like SYP, the American Red Cross, FEMA, Karidat and the Salvation Army that are dedicated to providing direct assistance. There are also emerging grassroots organizations like United 4 Saipan that truly make a positive difference in the lives of many," said Ayuyu. "Our committee would like to encourage all young professionals to help restore and rebuild."

For more information about the Saipan Young Professionals Committee, visit www.saipanchamber.com or call (670) 234-7150. The Saipan Young Professionals is a Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. ***(SCC)***

NOTICE OF CLOSURE
Please be informed that **D.W.K. Corporation** has ceased business with effect from June 30, 2015.
For inquiries please call
Mr. Yong W. Park at 234-5700.
Thank you
Kim, Dong Wan
President

NMC issues updates on NMC fall semester

Along with many others in the CNMI who sustained substantial damage from Typhoon Soudelor, Northern Marianas College employees have been working hard the past few weeks to repair, renovate, and rebuild classrooms and other campus facilities so that delivery of quality instruction for NMC students can continue.

Because of the ongoing recovery efforts, the dates for the fall 2015 semester have been postponed from their original date. The first day of class is now on Sept. 28, 2015. All other relevant dates for the semester are indicated below.

It is important to note that the dates listed below are based on an expected timeline for the completion of important repair and renovation work necessitated by Typhoon Soudelor. The dates and corresponding times are subject to change. Students are advised to visit www.marianas.edu regularly to view any changes and other updates to the Fall 2015 semester.

If you have any question, contact (670) 234-5484 or email leo.pangelinanatmarianas.edu.

NMC Info Session

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at Pacific Islands Club's Napu Room

- 10am for new and prospective students
- 11am for ongoing students

Visit www.marianas.edu for more information about the info session.

Admission Deadline

- Sept. 8, 2015

(Closed for International Students)

Steps for New Students to Enroll

1. Apply for Admission
2. Take Placement Tests
3. Attend Student Orientation
4. Meet with advisor
5. Register for Classes

Placement Tests

- Sept. 8 at 9am – English Placement Test
- Sept. 8 at 1pm – English Placement Test
- Sept. 9 at 9am – English Placement Test
- Sept. 9 at 1pm – Math Placement Test
- Sept. 10 at 9am – Math Placement Test
- Sept. 10 at 1pm – Math Placement Test
- Sept. 14 at 1pm – English Placement Test (International Students)
- Sept. 15 at 9am – Math Placement Test (International Students)

To schedule your placement test, call 234-5484 or email date/time preference to queanna.sablanatmarianas.edu or isa.matsunagaatmarianas.edu. Each of the testing times listed above can accommodate a maximum of 60 students.

Orientation

- Sept. 11, 2015 - 9am: New & Returning Student Orientation
- Sept. 12, 2015 - 9am: New & Returning Student Orientation
- Sept. 14, 2015 - 9am: International Student Orientation

New students: Please email queanna.sablanatmarianas.edu or isa.matsunagaatmarianas.edu to indicate which orientation you be attending.

Registration

- Sept. 8-11: Registration for Ongoing Students (Alphabetized Priority)
- Sept. 14-25: Registration for New, Returning, and Ongoing Students

First Day of Classes

- Sept. 28, 2015

Last Day of Classes

- Dec.19, 2015

Finals Week:

- Dec. 21-24, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE
(SBA LOAN APPLICATION)

RadioCom is pleased to inform the general public and especially those who are planning to construct, reconstruct and repair their home or businesses after the devastation of Super Typhoon Soudelor that we are ready to serve you as your primary construction contractor.

RadioCom is a licensed general contractor in the CNMI and listed on Fedbiz.Gov as an **approved federal contractor**.

For those who are planning to avail of the Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, RadioCom will provide the following services:

1. A cost estimate for construction, reconstruction and repair of existing or new homes and businesses.
2. An approved construction plan including proposed blue print (architectural, structural and electrical plan)
3. A turned key construction of home repairs and businesses at a competitive price.

Contact us today so we can schedule a meeting, to identify your needs and assessment of your project. You may call Glenn H. Manglona at 287-4536 email at gmanglona@gmail.com or Leo Ganacias at 234-2262.

RadioCom is a subsidiary company of L.P. Ganacias Ent. Co. with offices in Guam, Philippines, CNMI and FSM. Our office is located at 1st Floor, Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. Contact us today, you'll be glad you did!

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE IN GUAM READY FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO SAIPAN

Equipment Description

- **EVAPCO Cooling Towers**, USS 29-264, 2-300 Ton SS Used. From Old Guam Navy Hospital. 20 HP EA, 460V-3PH $45,000 Each Installed Except Elect & Controls. 1 year warranty.
- **Armstrong Pumps**, (2) Series 4030, 8x6x10H. End Suction Base Mounted. 1680 GPM at 70 Ft Hd $4400 each 1780 RPM 230-460Volt 3phase. 40HP.
- **LENNOX 15 Ton Cooling Only** w/ Horizontal Conversion Panels & Curb. 460Volt 3 PH. New. 2 at $15,000 Ea.
- **LENNOX 20 Ton Heat Pump** w/ Horizontal Conversion Panels & Curb. 460Volt 3 PH. Rental, Used. $20,000 or $5000/month
- **Rovanco Rhinoflex 4"** PE flexible piping with 2" insulation and cover pipe. With 4 threaded adapters and 6 couplings. 990 Feet. $25,000 Total
- **Lochinvar Copper Fin II Water Heater** Model CFL0752 LPG. 750,000 BTUH Input. New. $9800
- **MGM Transformer**, 300 KVA, 3HP, Primary 208V, secondary 480V Buck Boost Transformer, 150 deg rise, 60HZ, NEMA 3R $9800
- **535 MCM DLO Cable** 750 feet
- **1/0 DLO Cable** 250 feet. $12,000 for all
- **NIBCO F737A Circuit Balancing Valves**, 3" Flg. $350 Each
- **DAIKIN AGZ190D.** Air Cooled Packaged 190 Ton Chiller (RENTAL). 460Volt 3 phase. Used one month. $80,000 to buy or $45,000 per month to Rent.
- **Mitsubishi MSY-D36** and **MUY-D36 36,000BTUH** indoor/outdoor mini-split. (2) New. $3500 Each

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DYLAN MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.

Please contact Harold at Dylan Mechanical Construction Services at (671) 489-4880 or email harold@dylanmechanical.com

90 concrete poles arrive after a week's delay

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continued its push to restore power on island with the arrival of 90 concrete power poles at the Saipan port on Saturday.

The poles were supposed to arrive the previous Saturday, Aug. 15, according to acting CUC executive director John Riegel. But port closure due to Typhoon Goni and harsh weather conditions that resulted in 15-foot swells pushed back their arrival.

CUC's priority right now—after restoring power to the hospital—is to put the Saipan airport back on the grid.

Saipan Tribune observed at least 25 poles being installed over the weekend from CUC's Chalan Kiya substation and in areas in As Lito.

Around 2pm on Saturday, Hawaiian Rock arrived at the Saipan seaport to help CUC workers load the poles onto their two low boys and to the Chalan Kiya Substation.

CUC has two low boys that can hold nine power poles each.

The crew of the Guam Power Authority, who have worked shifts from 6am to 6pm, according to CUC officials, moved quickly.

After the poles arrived on Saturday, GPA installed the first two concrete poles before 4pm on Saturday.

CUC and federal authorities estimate around 900 to 1,200 poles are needed to complete restoration efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor hit more than three weeks ago and crippled the power grid.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has assured a "continuous flow" of power poles to assist in recovery.

FEMA's Power Task Force has provided a schedule for the procurement, shipment, and placement of poles as of Sunday.

For Week 1, FEMA plans to source, procure, and deliver to 85 to 200 wooden poles via airlift.

Week 0 to 3 will involve installation of concrete poles between Cutoff Road and the airport.

Poles that arrive via airlift will be installed in Week 3-4.

FEMA says from Week 5-8, overhead crews will work on dressing installed poles.

On Week 6, FEMA says bulk delivery of remaining 750 to 865 "class 1" wind rate barge poles will be completed.

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Crews of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Guam Power Authority install a concrete power pole at the Chalan Kiya substation over the weekend.

USDA RD offers housing loan moratorium to NMI homeowners

TIYAN, Guam—USDA Rural Development Hawaii State Director Chris Kanazawa announced yesterday that a moratorium of up to two years may be available to homeowners in the CNMI who have been affected by Typhoon Soudelor. To learn more about the moratorium program, call the Guam USDA Rural Development office at (671) 300-8562/65.

A moratorium allows USDA to suspend borrower payments for up to 24 months. USDA may consider a moratorium when an event is considered beyond the borrower's control and the reason is temporary in nature. The devastating impact that Typhoon Soudelor had on the CNMI and on the livelihood of individuals is an event that warrants a moratorium.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the residents of Saipan and the CNMI during these very challenging times," stated Kanazawa. "We want our homeowners to focus on recovering from this disaster and getting their lives back in order before they resume payments with USDA."

Moratoriums may be offered to homeowners whose accounts were in good standing prior to Typhoon Soudelor. USDA Rural Development officials plan to visit Saipan in August to meet with homeowners to discuss moratorium and other available servicing actions. ***(USDA RD)***

Legislature opens temporary offices at Judiciary

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REPORTER

The 19th Legislature yesterday joined other agencies holding temporary offices at the CNMI Judiciary building in Susupe due to power and water supply problems caused by Typhoon Soudelor.

Lawmakers are using the Judiciary's conference room as their work offices, while the Legislative Bureau staff members are holding office at the Law Revision Commission.

If there are sessions, the House will use Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's courtroom, while the Senate will use the CNMI Supreme Court courtroom.

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said it is a temporary arrangement, but that they are thankful for the assistance extended by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and the Judiciary staff.

Sablan said the legislative building is without power.

He said House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) has been trying to see whether a generator can be provided to the Legislature so they can resume their work but they've been unsuccessful so far.

Sablan said they are temporarily using the Judiciary's conference room like a multipurpose room, where members hold offices and also serves as a community conference room.

"This afternoon we are scheduled to have Ways and Means Committee meeting regarding the budget passed by the Senate. Tomorrow at 10am, we've been authorized to use Judge Govendo's courtroom to conduct our session," said Sablan, who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

"This is a temporary arrangement. Hopefully, I don't know when we will be able to address the power at the Legislature building, but for now this is where we're at," he said.

Sablan said members of the public have been coming into the conference room where they are holding office because there are some certification documents required by Federal Emergency Management Agency for members of the Legislature to sign.

"It's not ideal, but it's working for us. We're glad," he said.

A few days after Soudelor, the Judiciary opened its facilities to house temporary offices for the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. because of water and power disruption.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF VIVIANA A. MENDIOLA AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: F.J.M.T. Child's Name (d.o.b.) Minor Child 06/09/98 by VIVIANA A. MENDIOLA Petitioner	) FCD GU) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 15-0334) **NOTICE OF**) **HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by VIVIANA A. MENDIOLA, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 10th day of September, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARLON B. ANCHETA Petitioner	) FCD–PA) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 15-0326
vs.	) **SUMMONS**) **FOR**
NESHELL B. ANCHETA Respondent	) **PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 212 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filling.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Applying for disaster assistance: What information do I need to apply?

Over 7,200 registrations have been received by FEMA for disaster assistance as a result of damage sustained by Typhoon Soudelor and nearly $2.6 million has been approved for survivors so far. FEMA encourages all who have been suffered damage from Typhoon Soudelor, Aug. 1-3, to register for Disaster Assistance.

Individuals and households on Saipan can register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-3362; those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY should call 1-800-462-7585. Multilingual interpreters are available at the FEMA registration number, including Chinese, Tagalog, Japanese, and Korean. They can also apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

A joint CNMI and FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is open at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe to help individuals and families affected by Typhoon Soudelor with the recovery process. Normal hours of operation are Monday-Saturdays 8am to 5pm; Sundays 10am to 4pm.

After registering online or by telephone, survivors can access "one-stop shop" service at the DRC and receive assistance with additional registration needs such as case inquiries and updates. Experts from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be available at the DRC. Translators and sign language interpreters are available at the DRC.

Whether applying online from your computer or smartphone, or over the phone through a FEMA call center, you should have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

- Your Social Security number (If you do not have your SSN card, you can show a Medicare/Medicaid card, W2 form, or filed tax return.)
- Current and pre-disaster address with zip code
- Directions to property
- A working telephone number where FEMA can contact you
- Address where you can receive mail
- Insurance information if available
- Total household annual income
- A routing and account number from your bank (only necessary if you want to have disaster assistance funds transferred directly into your bank account)
- A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster

Before your housing inspection occurs, you should have an Owner Occupancy Form that shows proof you are the official home owner or renter. Forms are available at the DRC or at the following fire stations:

- Station 1- Susupe
- Station 2- Garapan
- Station 4- Koblerville
- Station 5- Kagman

After you've completed your application for assistance, you will receive a FEMA application number. Write down this number and keep it for future reference. This is one of your unique identifiers, do not share this number with persons not involved in assisting with your disaster recovery.

FEMA verifies the name and Social Security number of those registering for disaster assistance. If the name and Social Security number on file with the Social Security administration do not match the information you provide you will be asked to submit a copy of an original document, e.g. marriage license, military ID, tax documents, etc., for proof of identity. A need to review and update identity documentation may cause delays in delivery of assistance.

If you are attempting to complete an application online and your identity information does not match, you will receive an Identification Validation Error message advising you to review the information you entered. If you cannot pass the identity verification, this error message will advise you to call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585. ***(FEMA)***

SAVING SAIPAN:

Joylynn Jones and Church 360 'take action to do right'

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Saipan Tribune's *latest series will feature everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.*

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joylynn Jones, fourth from left, poses with volunteer family members and friends during the soup kitchen›s serving hours last week.

"I have never seen such destruction," Joylynn E. Jones said. " I never thought the damage would be as intense as it was."

Jones, 39, is referring to Typhoon Soudelor's wrath, which battered Saipan nearly three weeks ago.

"One of my neighbors left their house right before it literally blew apart,"she added.

Before sunlight made the devastation visible, Jones and her family were able to pick up debris around their Kagman home in the eye of the storm. When daylight broke, they immediately realized that the island would need immediate assistance to recuperate.

"We started calling folks in the States right then to ask for help," Jones said.

Jones and her family, in collaboration with their church and other organizations, opened a feeding center on Aug. 15 at the Kagman Community Church, serving food to those in need. So far, the soup kitchen has provided meals to hundreds of residents and expects to serve 1,000 meals daily.

The Jones family and other individuals from Church 360 and the Kagman Community Church also visited three shelters in the village to meet victims' physical needs and provide recreation for Saipan's youth.

The efforts, she said, will hopefully provide some comfort to hundreds of residents over the next few weeks.

A Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team from the mainland and Guam will arrive soon to assist Jones at the feeding center.

"The only way Saipan will recover is by neighbors helping neighbors. We need to be kind to each other as well as patient as we are all in this together," she said.

The reality of the typhoon's aftermath was evident when Jones heard her neighbor's story of being in their house with children, as the wind ripped the roof away.

"Finding out that no one died in the storm was incredible. We truly experienced a miracle," she said.

"I got involved because it was the right thing to do, and I love helping people. I also wanted to share God's love in a very tangible way," she added. "I am so thankful for people willing to take action to do right, when it seemed that no other aid was coming!"

Transfer station, Marpi landfill resume normal hours

Effective yesterday, Aug. 24, 2015, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill returned to normal operations, which is open six days a week, from 7:30am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. The scale houses at both facilities will still be opened through lunch time, 11:30am to 12:30pm, and accepts customers.

Again, any excess of 500 lbs free in one trip per week from residents will continue to be waived until further notice. This means household municipal solid wastes (trash/garbage) during the week in multiple trips by residents will not be charged.

For questions regarding this notice, call the Solid Waste Management Division office in Lower Base Transfer Station at 322-3745/2760 or fax to 322-2762. ***(PR)***

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Manager
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in accounting with a minimum 5 years experience in insurance financial management and possess good management ability. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and requirements, excellent communication skills, as well as experience in interpreting financial reports.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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2 establishments burglarized, house ransacked

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Two establishments were burglarized and a house located in the same one-story commercial building in Garapan was ransacked either Sunday night or early yesterday morning.

Stolen from Flor's Hair Salon were an inverter, a car battery, and a hair clipper, while thieves ran off with a cash register and its daily change fund from Girl Talk, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Flor's Hair Salon is located next to Girl Talk, a store that sells dresses. Stolen from the house located at the back of the building were a big white vault that contained documents, checks, and other undetermined items.

A certain Dr. Chio owns the house and the commercial building located at the corner of Taibwo Street corner Beach Road. Dr. Chio is currently in Taiwan.

Flor Salazar, owner of Flor Hair Salon, discovered the burglary when she and her husband went to open the shop yesterday at about 10:30am.

Salazar said when she got inside, she noticed that their cash register was in a different place and items were scattered all over the floor.

Salazar said thieves stole their inverter, car battery, and hair clipper that they placed in the wax room.

She said a friend just lent them the inverter on Sunday because they don't have power at the salon.

The businesswoman said towels were also scattered in the facial room.

Salazar and her husband showed to *Saipan Tribune* the broken small glass window in the bathroom as the suspects' possible entry.

» Big vault, cash register, inverter, car battery, other items stolen

Salazar said it was the second time that their beauty parlor had been burglarized. She said burglars broke a window glass on the side of their salon and stole their cash register and two clippers in 2005.

Girl Talk owner Penelope Hofschneider said stolen was their cash register that contained an undetermined amount of daily change fund.

Hofschneider said the doorknob of the wooden door at the rear portion of Girl Talk was destroyed.

Hofschneider said she is very disappointed that this burglary happened because the CNMI is now in a difficult situation as people are already suffering after Typhoon Soudelor.

Hofschneider also owns the Lollipops toy store in Garapan.

Emer, an accountant/manager for Dr. Chio, urged the community to report to the police if they are aware of certain people seeking help to open a big white vault. Emer believes there is more than one suspect because the vault is heavy.

She also suspects that the burglars used a child because the point of entry into her employer's house was the small glass window in the bathroom.

Emer said Choi's house was totally ransacked and turned upside down. She said Choi's computer, however, was not stolen.

Precinct 3 lawmakers eyeing to coordinate relief efforts

Lawmakers from Precinct 3 are planning to set up a coordinating center in Garapan to assist those who do not have the resources to register for federal assistance.

Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) said the lawmakers will "sit down and discuss" the planned center sometime "this week."

"The idea is to set up the center, especially for Carolinians. What we can do is get their information and help them register," Benavente said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is still accepting registrants for assistance via phone and online.

However, many are having difficulties registering.

"Most have no phones, no computers, and no way to register," Benavente said.

Aside from Benavente, other lawmakers from Precinct 3 are Reps. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan), Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Ralph N. Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

FEMA, meanwhile, reported that the disaster recovery center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center is still open for those seeking additional information on federal assistance.

Although the DRC was not initially designed for registrations, it will not turn away those seeking to register.

Call to collaborate

Gov. Eloy S Inos earlier summoned members of the Legislature and representatives of federal and local agencies to collaborate as recovery efforts continue for the CNMI in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

"Under the circumstances, I am glad we can still convene and share some updates on our recovery efforts so that we are all on the same page," Inos said.

He added that "we need to be resilient" and in anything that needs to be done, "we should collaborate" to make the work easier.

One of Inos' recommendations is to ask the agencies and CNMI departments to coordinate, particularly on information dissemination. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Man allegedly stole iPads, iPhones from mail

The U.S. government has filed three charges against Randy A. Sablan in federal court for allegedly stealing mail packages that contained two Apple iPads and two Apple iPhones in 2012 and 2013.

The information charged Sablan with two counts of unauthorized mail opening and one count of misuse of postal property.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ross K. Naughton filed the information in the U.S. District Court for the NMI last Friday.

» Indictment filed against the defendant over the same incidents dismissed

Last Sunday, citing "in the interests of justice" the U.S. government moved to dismiss the indictment filed against Sablan. Sablan's counsel did not oppose the motion.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday granted the motion.

The indictment charged Sablan with mail theft and two counts of obstruction of mail over the same incidents. It was filed last April.

According to the information, on Nov. 19, 2012, Sablan opened a package that was not directed to him. The package contained two Apple iPads.

On April 28, 2013, Sablan opened a package that was addressed to a certain postal box. The package contained two Apple iPhones. The defendant allegedly stole the two iPhones. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

FIESTA DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Fiesta Resort & Spa makes their weekly donation of prepared food and ice to the Salvation Army in San Antonio on Aug. 19, 2015, to help provide free meals offered during Typhoon Soudelor recovery. The donation was delivered by Fiesta's management team to the Salvation Army staff and volunteers.

USDA reminds CNMI producers of Sept. 1 sales closing date for noninsurable crops

BARRIGADA, Guam— The executive director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in the CNMI County, Thomas Camacho, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program to do so before the sales closing date of Sept. 1, 2015.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) allows producers to choose higher levels of NAP coverage. Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. It is important to note that the higher coverage is not available on grazing crops.

The following crops in CNMI County have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2015: aquaculture, nursery, floriculture, propagation stock non-ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, ginseng, turf grass sod, mushrooms and other crops. The deadline for grazed forage, fruits and vegetables is Dec. 1, 2015.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said Camacho. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers to recover when they experience a loss."

Eligible producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the Sept. 1, 2015 deadline. Producers also pay a fixed premium for higher coverage. Beginning, limited resource and underserved farmers may request a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when the application for coverage is filed.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales closing dates, contact the CNMI County FSA office at 234-0896 and visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program was made possible by the Farm Bill and builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill. ***(FSA)***

Volunteers are the backbone of the Red Cross

As of Aug. 23, the American Red Cross NMI Chapter has served almost 6,500 people on Saipan by providing more than 28,000 meals and snacks, more than 1,700 cleanup kits and more than 60,000 bulk items such as food, water, soap, and toilet paper. Those in need receive emotional support, health services, and household items.

All these are being done with the help of local volunteers, like 13-year-old Denisse Oscillos or "Angel," as she is called by family and friends on Saipan. The Red Cross was founded by volunteers and Oscillos exudes the humanitarian spirit of the organization. Her home wasn't severely damaged by Soudelor, but she was upset to see the damage her beautiful island incurred.

"I cried, I felt so sorry for the people," said Oscillos. "I've been volunteering with the Red Cross for about six years now. I help at walkathons and fire responses. I like helping people, it's fun."

Anna-Kay Ellis of New York has been volunteering with the American Red Cross for two years and says her work on Saipan is meaningful.

"This is definitely an experience to learn from. The people here are so gracious and appreciative of what we're doing," she said.

Gil Muña, of Saipan, was inspired to volunteer for the American Red Cross after the horrific events on Sept. 11, 2001. He saw how the organization responded, and wanted to help however possible.

"Red Cross is global, and right here in my community," said Muña.

Since then he's volunteered consistently locally, on Tinian twice, and served in response to Hurricane Sandy. Little did he know Typhoon Soudelor would hit his home island on Aug. 2, devastating his family and community.

"Our entire roof flew away and our home was flooded," he recounted.

Putting his own problems aside, Muña immediately sprang into action, put on his Red Cross gear, and showed up to help others at the NMI Chapter office.

"I've seen my family suffer. All we can do is reach out to others and help take care of our people," he said.

Muña has volunteered at the Red Cross office nearly every day since the typhoon hit.

Anyone who has already registered with the Red Cross should not call back. The Red Cross will make contact as quickly as possible. Calling 234-3459 is free when made with most prepaid phones. Due to high call volumes, patience is appreciated and calls after hours are preferred. Those seeking assistance should not visit the Red Cross office without an appointment.

Follow the Red Cross NMI Chapter on Twitter @spnmarianas for real time updates.

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How to help

People can help by donating to Red Cross Disaster Relief by visiting redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Donors can also make a donation specifically to the American Red Cross Northern Marianas Islands Chapter by emailing executive director John Hirsh at john.hirsch@redcross.org or by calling (670) 288-1041. Donations to Disaster Relief will be used to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. We respond to nearly 70,000 disasters every year, from home fires to hurricanes, typhoons and more. Learn more about how Disaster Relief donations have helped people affected by previous disasters including home fires.

For more information, visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross. ***(ARC)***

Anna-Kay Ellis of New York loads a vehicle with relief supplies to take to a homeowner whose roof was completely peeled off during Typhoon Soudelor's landfall.
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Angel Oscillos is pictured looking for a specific house on a map as part of her role on the Red Cross disaster assessment team.
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AMP distributes drinking water at Micro Beach

Potable (drinking) water for human consumption is being distributed from the Micro Beach Pavilion at American Memorial Park beginning yesterday, Aug. 24, 2015. Water will be distributed Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 8:30am.

This water distribution point is for families only. Water will not be distributed to businesses or commercial facilities.

Only food safe containers will be accepted at the water distribution point and 5-gallon water bottles with a cap are preferred. No water drums, buffalos, or other bulk containers will be accepted. Families are responsible for sanitizing containers prior to arrival at distribution point. A maximum of four, 5-gallon bottles per family may be filled. Daily distributions will be limited to 150 families per day.

At the entrance to the water distribution point, families will be issued a numbered ticket that must be surrendered to the water distribution agent prior to receiving water. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Failure to provide the issued ticket will result in refusal of filling bottles. Also, loss of the issued ticket will result in refusal of filling bottles. Upon completion of filling water bottles, families and vehicles must leave the water distribution area immediately. ***(NPS)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2015 Club 200 is cancelled

The American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter announced yesterday the cancelation of its annual Club 200 Super Heroes Dinner scheduled for Oct. 3. "Our Chapter and disaster response teams are focused solely on improving lives and helping those most affected by the storm. We are encouraging all of our donors and ticket buyers to support our relief efforts by making a financial contribution to the American Red Cross Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Fund. Financial donations (cash, checks, credit cards) can be made to the American Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter by emailing nmichapter@redcross.org. ***(ARC)***

Green Gala postponed

As Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance joins the rest of the island in working toward recovery from the great damage brought by Typhoon Soudelor, the non-profit organization has announced that they will be postponing the annual Green Gala that was originally scheduled for Sept. 4, 2015. This highly anticipated event will be rescheduled for later in the year. In the wake of the storm, MINA staff and volunteers are working hard to help with the islandwide cleanup and other priority activities. If you are interested in volunteering, call the MINA office at 233-7333 or visit their Tasi Watch Facebook page for updates. ***(MINA)***

Get daily updates from MHS website

The Marianas High School website will be updated daily. Students, parents, faculty and community can get the latest news and information at www.marianashighschool.com. ***(MHS)***

OAG relocates 3 divisions

The Office of the Attorney General has temporarily relocated three divisions—the Criminal Division, the Attorney General Investigative Division, and the Domestic Violence Intervention Center—to the Civil Division on Capitol Hill, second floor of the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building. You may contact the Criminal division at telephone number 237-7600 or via fax at 234-7016; AGID at 234-8964 or fax 234-7016. DVIC may be reached at telephone numbers 237-7508 or 664-4582/83. The Office of the Attorney General maintains normal business hours of Monday – Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm. ***(OAG)***

GCA sets Open House, start of classes

Grace Christian Academy would like to inform the community that Open House will be on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6pm and the first day of school will be Monday, Sept. 14 (8am to 3pm). The campus and buildings received significant damage from Typhoon Soudelor but much work is being done to repair and rebuild. The administration would like to give a heartfelt *si yu'us ma'ase* to the students, parents, alumni, staff and faculty who have joined in the effort. They would also like to invite the GCA community to come out this week any day Monday through Friday from 8am to 12pm to help with final cleanup around the campus. Even if you can only come out for one hour, the help will be greatly appreciated. If possible, please bring machetes, chainsaws, rakes and pickup trucks to help clear the debris. ***(GCA)***

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EDITORIAL

Cyberattacks and keyboard complacency: A lesson about spying

"The culprit is American complacency, the tendency to assume that the Russians are technically inferior to us and that we can handle them."

—Former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger in 1988

History is instructive, even events from prehistoric days, meaning the era before the Internet and email. We're referring to the 1980s, when the United States lackadaisically permitted Soviet workers to construct a new U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Over time, the State Department and White House caught on to fact that their Cold War foes at the KGB had hatched an ingenious plot to embed electronic bugging equipment in concrete and elsewhere in the structure.

At great cost and humiliation, the U.S. admitted that the new place was so infested, it could never be cleared and used. The building was rebuilt before ever being occupied, while the Soviets were prevented from occupying their own new embassy in Washington until the redone U.S. chancery opened.

Schlesinger, brought in to consult on the mess, wrote a report in which he intoned: "We have failed to anticipate the boldness, thoroughness and extent of the penetration."

Another excerpt: "We must constantly train and equip our people and upgrade our technology to meet these ever-growing and ever-changing challenges. Eternal vigilance is the price for continuing security."

Hmm, maybe some folks in Washington need to dust off that report. It stands up well, especially if you replace the verb "bug" with "hack."

We're thinking this after hearing Secretary of State John Kerry acknowledge in an interview with CBS News that he assumes foreign governments—specifically the Chinese and Russians—are reading his emails. So he writes them with that in mind. ("Yo Vladimir," we imagine Kerry adding as a P.S.)

Kerry told CBS' Scott Pelley that he was well aware that spying is a fact of life in international relations. "Unfortunately, we're living in a world where a number of countries, China and Russia included, have consistently been engaged in cyberattacks against American interests, against American government," he said.

Kerry's right, but his offhand acknowledgment bugs us—sorry—because it adds to growing evidence that the U.S. mindset is one of engaging in a technological war it's not sure it can win. That when it comes to sophisticated means of espionage, Schlesinger was right when he warned: They're clever and we're complacent.

Consider what we've all read recently:

■ The U.S. acknowledged in July that hackers broke into the Office of Personnel Management, gaining access to information on 22 million people. Officials say it's the work of Chinese government cyberspies, who got names, Social Security numbers, the identities of family members and friends who gave references and more. Perhaps the biggest concern: The Chinese will be able, through process of elimination, to figure out which American officials stationed in China work for the CIA.

■ Unidentified Russian hackers broke into an unclassified email system used by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, NBC News re-

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In China

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Last July in Shenyang, a student heading for flying school in the U.S. had difficulty with oral English. An unabashed Sinophile, he had difficulty saying anything other than preceding each discourse with, "In China."

I got curious on how much of China he knew; it turns out he had only been in Liaoning and Shandong provinces guarding the Gulf of Bohai. Suggesting that I might know more of China's history than he did, he got ethnocentric, "No, I am Chinese, so I know more of China than you."

No matter. "In China" is usually someone's image of China's standard history articulated by Chiang Kaishek in 1947 and dittoed by Mao Zedong in 1949. Bohai is where the Huanghe (Yellow River) empties south of Tianjin, the coastal city to Beijing recently in the news for blowing up storage warehouses filled with explosives that killed many and now has the country in uproar over the handling of chemical storage. Beijing and Tianjin are municipal neighbors administered by the national government, along with another two, Shanghai and Chongqing. The four cities are premier urban centers of China.

The sense of space in China trumps "time" anytime, so the emphasis on learning history is not on the "when" of "past, present, and future," but on the "where" and "what" role and status people played in the social scheme of things. The Zhou, Qin, and Han, *et al,* are spatial categories, which do not fit a specific time frame, save as the historiography of the Qing due to Western influence turned into chronology. ROC/PRC uses time frames but still relies on spatial images.

I once asked *how long* I had to wait before I could drink the tea after pouring hot water on dried tea leaves and the response was "when the tea leaves settle down on the bottom of the glass," not a category of time but the relational condition of the tea and water.

I thought the tea ceremony was a matter of formality in Sinosphere until this July when my host in Shenyang sat me down to some tea. She had this contraption *(cha ju)* of bamboo slats on top of a water-retaining pan at the bottom. First, she put some tea into a covered glass and let the red tea *(hongse cha* that reduces cholesterol*)* bleed its color, then poured out the content of what was perfectly good looking tea into the *cha ju*, and poured another set of hot water into the tea. After what to her was a right tint on the water, she poured the tea into glass cups and let me sip the tea.

I do not know if it was watching her gracious moves during the whole process that I got deeply fascinated but I was equally satisfied by the quality of the tea taste. A bit on the sweet side, she went on to explain the nature of the red tea and why she threw out the first draw of hot water to rid of bitter taste and accent the hygienic effect of the brew.

After two more well cadenced servings of the red tea, she scooped some green tea *(lvse cha)* that are familiar to the west as *oolong,* which I saw in rows on the foothills of Sichuan, and proceeded to duplicate what she did with the *hongse*, throwing away the first draw of hot water, and serving the second draw. The taste was exquisite, without the endured bitter taste I usually associate with "tea" of the bagged variety from the Lipton ladies!

The casual, *sans* high symbolism, "ceremony" was so elegantly performed that I realized I was properly "tea'd" (caffeinated) for the occasion and the rest of the day!

A Chinese word used for "knowledge" is *renshi,* literally "people knowing," and the tea ceremony was no more an objective partaking of colorized hot water as it was establishing a "relationship" layered with a lot of empathetic vibes and warm feelings. Using "In China" is not as much to denote an objective country with boundaries as it is an invitation to join an aura of sociality where identities are affirmed and celebrated.

It was then that I understood *mienzi,* mistranslated as "face" in Western idiom. To save "face" is not about brushing off the lint from one's social standing as it is to be inclusive of "together-ness" where one's being is touched, seen, inhaled, or savored in the being of another. Like *Namaste* in India*,* a greeting that says, "my spirit sees the universe in you," or *Ni hao* in China that literally means, "you good," or, like *Salud,* a Spanish greeting that wishes "well-being," *mienzi* is not all status symbol.

The little tea ceremony this July made me realize the various dimensions of "knowing," more than the recitation of facts and the correct expressions of words and numbers that we consider "knowledge" in our learned world.

I am now more charitable with listening to the phrase "in China" but I also know that it is my responsibility to keep the objective data clear and clean so that the emotional content of *in China* is fully appreciated; the objective underbrush of sense description is contextually laid out before the existential experience is proffered.

Renshi is beyond objective knowledge; it is "knowing people." Here, have some tea.

Gi Hilu` Chinatsaga

Kanaha` todu guma` guine mangai kemon sanhalom. I primet ma`utot na setbisiu gi hinigua` pagyu i hanom. Ti manpreparau hit para i mattu na ira. Tat tiha ha destrosia gi todu i señgsoñg siha. Haf` na sagan basula katkuet rinkon ni un` atan.

Mas mannamase` ayu i mandinestrosia gima` niha. Sin inbatgu masuñgun chinatsagan lugat fanatukan pot taya` manu siha guatu. I sanlichan na patte Saipan esta mas ke dose dias desde ke taya` setbisiun hanom. Haf` `ste na fandañgun golai faka`.

Animu magahet i CUC, militat yan empleau GPA manna`tachu poduñg telefon. Ayu finenina i telefon ni humanau hulu` Dandan manmana` fanatachu. Era pot para umana` kalamten distribution hanom. Puede monhayan amanu i siña na chinadeg.

Na ti gi tiempon Ramon Guerrero (Kumoi) mababa i hanom gi sigiente dia dispues de pagyu? Haf` masusede pa`gu? Na ti hagas ha fuegu hit iran pagyu deste antes? Manu `nai manlotgun hit leksion na ta letke este na obligasion? Na`mamahlau na diskuidu!

■■■

Kuestion Hobensitu: Un` tomtum ni magradua kolehu na hobensitu fumaisen-yu` kau guaha kampon esperansa gi lini`e`hu pot futuron iya Marianas.

Ha atrebi mamaisen pot ha taitai `nos kuantos tinige`hu gi mansustansiau siha na asuntu na kritikat sentimentog-hu. Era, kulan ti hu eskohe haye para bai sablasus lau fafayihu este na huegu pot mas ke kuarenta años. Taya` sin politika. Lagnos mage asuntun linahayan ya ta pesa haf` bidamu.

Hu esplika na i eksisiun mañge`, piot gi bandan opiñion, patte gi sisteman demokrasia. Hu sañgan dibuenamente hinasog-hu pot para bai pañgon i mansabiun i hegsu` I Deni` sa` sessu manmaigu` gi mañgon kareta. Mandiskuidau!

Hu mente lokue` na huñgan gai esperansa-yu` ni futuron tautau-ta sa` gaige gi patman manma-eduka na famaguon-ta i hagas ta nañga siha na areglu. Era huna fan hahassugue` na sumasaunau gi inadiñgan asunto-ta siha para mona. Tomtum yan menhalom na hobensitu.

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Otru Asunto-ta: I hospitat motmut manmalañgu. Mafa` kuattu i hagas AC-II pot guaha na malañgu numesessita elektrisida para makenarian mañglu` (oxyge. Agradesimientu para i infetmera yan mediku siha ni manohge 18 oras diariu para umaassiste manmalañgu-ta.

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■■■

Gi kada lemlem tautau, hu atan i mapagahes gi oriyan supin tanu`. Kumu agaga`, pues garentia na maipe i sigiente dia. `Nai esta ni mona ni tatte, hu pega futon-hu gi baranda ya ayu `nai hu soda` dididi` ginefsagag-hu dumeskansa.

Magahet na bula ñamu. Haf` na sotfan man-añghet `an sige manliliku` man-e`esuette lasas piot i mandaibites ni manmi-asukat. Esta mañechefla gi tininog niha. Guahu pa`gu duru mamada`. Kontodu labis-hu hu chaba` pot ñamu. Hu gagau fina` pas. Ni unu ume`eñgog estake hu soñge i señko`. Diberas.

■■■

Antes de pagyu, suena i pueñge `nai kulan-yu` tañga. Kumate i gualieg señat guaha para u fattu. Taya`. Ni telefon ti madiliñgdiñg. Dispues poduñg trosun uchan. Estague` muna` kontentun ñaihon-yu`.

Kulan hu offisiona umekuñgog este na sinesedidi-hu pot seriosu manmasusede dispues. Siña ha` ti hihot lau gai minakat i para u fattu. Mampos nachatsaga lini`e`hu gi kada biahe `nai ha dancheyu` i na`tanga na silensiu.

■■■

Apuyuak un` ga`ga` ni gai señat pot fotte na finatton iran pagyu. Gigon ha rikohe plinantaña tatarañas gi troñku pat lugan guma` aregla hau sa` i fette mamamaila`. Pa`gu i imperau guaka gi halom kolat, kontra linau. Tugtugag manog `an pueñge kontra dinimalas familia.

■■■

Diberas ti hoñgiyon minesñgon tautau-ta pot gaselina, ais, hanom yan ayudun neñgkano`. Ti hu lañgag ayu na tiru. Lau mamila pot este siha na nesessidat. Mauleg bidan i Marines ni machulele` mage makinan niha mandistillan hanom. Dañkulu na ayudu gi señgsoñg siha.

■■■

Esta hana` chaleg-yu` finu` Chinu pot destrosiun pagyu. Mana` paha i "fall down" desde guma`, kareta, palapala, magagu, kandet yan hanom. Ilegña un` palao`an Chamorro, "Chage run down".

Era manmalagu para i lugat fanatukan `nai yinamag i gima` familia antes de tatalu` pueñge. Guaha fumatinas, guaha ha` lokue` mañugu halom gi fina` tenda man-atok estake malofan i mañglu`. Piligru machansa iran pagyu!

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Pot primet biahe tali`e` tagpapa` na pagyu ni sumusteni fuetsaña gi 120 miyas gi ora. Kada manrikohe ya bumibu, i fuetsaña mas ke 200 miyas gi ora.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Pa`gu hulili`e` taiguine na fotten destrosiu. Ni sentron pagyu (NOAA) ti ha gacha` finaposña si Soudelor sa` tumunog mas papa` ke otdinariu na hinanau pagyu.

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I fette na linau muna` chachatsaga hinasoghu. Gaige gi menan iya Tokyo gi halom Pacific Ring of Fire mapupulan trosun pidason tanu` mas ke dose miyas inanakoña papa` esta i fondun tasi. Fuera de ginemgon siempre iya Tokyo, i mafanana`an "mega tsunami" siempre ha destrosia i lugat yan bisinu siha.

Hafa mega tsunami? Hinalom tasi ni 100 pe linika`ña, kiñientos miyas tatte ya malalagu 100 miyas gi ora. Mas nachatsaga sa` ni hafa ya u sufa` ti u rinibaha lineka`ña. Parehu minedoñgña halom yan huyuñg. Konsidera fan un` ratu kau guaha chansa-ta `an ha danche hit ayu i mananañga giya Tokyo na mega tsunami? Konsueluhu i chagu` hulu` Tokyo.

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I otru linau i inatotpen tanu` gi taduñg entalu` mafanana`an Philippine yan Pacific plates. Sumen dañkulu este na tiru sa` dos higante na achu para u asufa`. Haye mohon para u sanpapa`? Haf` ya i Pacific Plate `nai gaige Marianas sumanpapa`? Ti u hinala papa` i tanu` siha guine ya u fan finondu gi taduñg? Ni para bai` hassu sa` ma`añau-yu` haf` para umasusede `an umasufa` dos dañkulun achu` sanpapa`.

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Siña ta letke i asuntu pa`gu pot kulan katma yan chagu`. Lau kau estake pañgpañg ya tat tiha yamag `nai para tafan a`aligau pot preparasion? Gi katkuet lugat, sanmena pat santatte na tasi, i fuetsan napun mega tsunami ti u sugu` ni manu. Parehu na fuetsa halom gi sientu pe linika`ña yan `nai humuyuñg. Estague` piniligruña este na napu!

CYBERATTACKS

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ported this month, saying it was "clearly the work of a state actor." The email network was down for two weeks. There have been at least two other recent reports of unidentified Russians breaking into unclassified (but supposedly secure) Pentagon and White House networks.

Like all matters of national security, most of what goes on isn't discussed publicly, so we can't assess America's capacity and commitment to waging and defeating cyberwarfare. We presume the U.S. is working hard to combat hacking while simultaneously upping our own game at infiltration, because that's how it works. Maybe our spies are the pros and theirs are the amateurs. Maybe, that is, we give better than we get.

What worries us is, what if that's not true? We don't like the idea that these recent and evidently serious hack attacks expose a deeper flaw than poor security on a few less-sensitive networks. Nor do we enjoy asking whether the U.S. is vulnerable because on a strategic basis the Pentagon and intelligence community still think too much about fighting conventional wars and covert ops—and not enough about unseen enemies sitting at distant keyboards, where they may strike at dams, bridges and satellites.

Next month, when Chinese President Xi Jinping visits Washington, we might expect to hear President Barack Obama bring up the subject of hacking and cyberwarfare. But that's not where the action should be. It's fine for the two presidents to discuss this as heads of state. But we want the U.S. to focus first on deflecting—defeating—the real and present danger of rapidly evolving cyberwarfare.

Meeting that challenge requires technology and diligence. From the outside, it appears that the administration and its agencies are too laconic, too willing to cede equality in a fight the U.S. should win.

If prevailing means the administration has to remodel some of our intel infrastructure and seek extra resources to keep America's secrets secure, so be it. That was the lesson a chastened Washington learned from the embarrassment in Moscow those many years ago.

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What birthright citizenship meant for me

Until three years ago, my wife and I were like a lot of immigrants: Drawn to the U.S. by jobs better than what we could find at home, we saw ourselves as outsiders—temporary resident aliens, as the government called us. Even living in Washington, I followed U.S. politics with detachment, the way you'd watch a football game between two schools in states you've never been to. When our friends back home in Canada asked if we planned to stay, we'd shrug and joke about the weather being better.

And then our daughter was born. I went to the D.C. vital records office to pick up her birth certificate; they would have mailed it, but I didn't want to wait. What I remember, tucked among the many indelible moments of her first few weeks, is looking at that piece of paper and feeling excited at her being an American. She belonged here, just as much as anyone did. And if she belonged, then maybe we did too.

As the country argues the merits of ending birthright citizenship—Would that stem illegal immigration? Would it require a constitutional amendment? How would it affect the Republican Party's electoral prospects? How does this all tie in to the legacy of slavery?—something intangible is getting overlooked: For a nation built on assimilation, it's hard to think of anything that better instills a sense of common purpose, of identifying with and caring about the place you live, than having your child be a citizen of that place.

Of course, the immigrants most people have in mind when they argue against birthright citizenship probably aren't Canadians who sit at keyboards. (Though apparently even we aren't immune to discrimination.) But providing an incentive to integrate, a reason to adopt the values and customs of your new country as if they were your own, ought to be just as important for people whose foreignness helps drive public sentiment against them. If Republicans are worried that undocumented Mexican immigrants are changing the fabric of the U.S., then weakening the means by which they assimilate makes little sense.

The counterargument is that severing future immigrants' emotional connection to the U.S., preventing their children from automatically becoming citizens, helps stem their flow into the country and eases the removal of those who make it in.

That's a dangerous argument, because however this debate ends, the U.S. will still need immigrants. And immigrants will still oblige: People like me will still move here, and so will the people who so bother Donald Trump. What stands to change is whether the mechanisms that help transform immigrants into Americans get dismantled. The risk of repealing birthright citizenship is that immigrants' new sense of identity will be eroded, along with all the good that identity entails for their new home.

By CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE
Bloomberg View

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Soon after our daughter was born, my wife and I got our green cards. Last summer, our son was born, making our family one-half American. Having put off buying a house on the grounds that it would tie us to the country, we realized the idea no longer bothered us, and we became homeowners. When I write about U.S. politics now, it feels more personal, less clinical. In two years, after having lived in the country for a decade, my wife and I will be eligible to apply for citizenship, the ability to vote. I'm starting to care who sits on the city council.

When my wife and I go back to Canada on holiday now, our friends still ask if we'll stay in the U.S. We answer by saying that our kids are American, then we shrug; that seems to cover it. We still joke about the weather being better, but less now, because that feels like bragging. And we're still Canadian after all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where are the Seabees?

As a retired Seabee, I am appalled at the fact that the U.S. Navy Seabees are not on island providing support! They work under Commander Naval Forces Marianas and here to support the entire region. Additionally, the Seabees are self-sustaining, can deploy within 72 hours, and should have been on island three to four days after the storm passed. I emailed the governor three days ago but have yet to receive a response. I just pray to God that we in the CNMI are not being used as "pawns" in a chess match over the military buildup talks by either parties. That should be placed on the back burner at this time of suffering.

Charles A. George
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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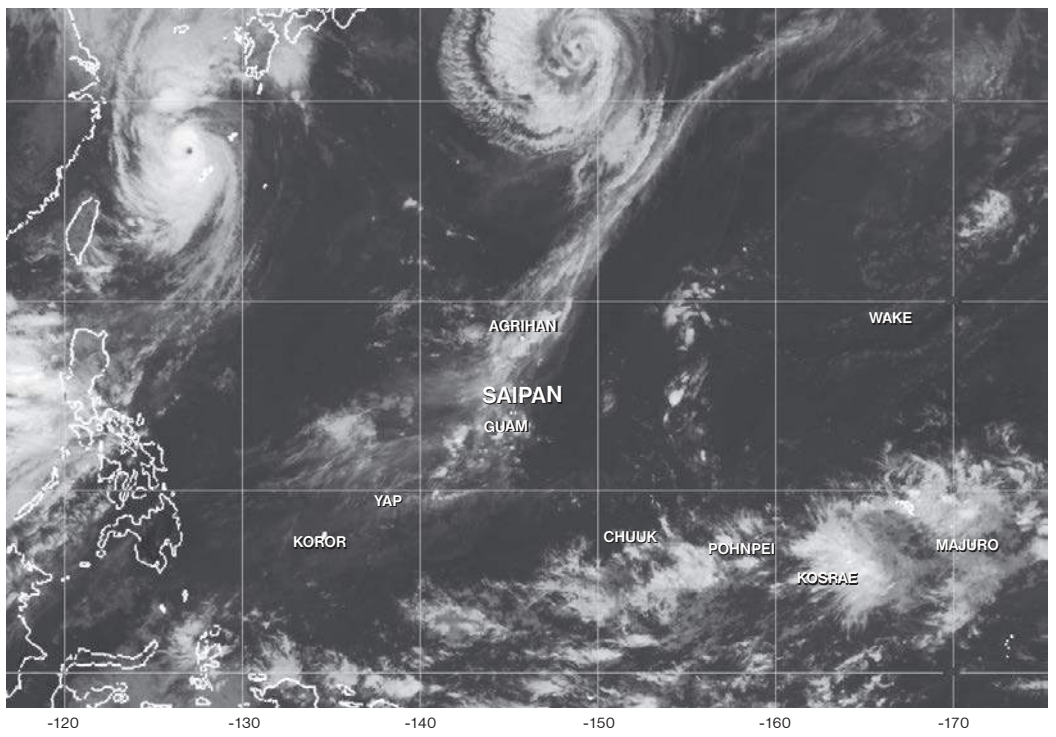
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating widely-scattered showers and a few thunderstorms mainly west of the Marianas between 10N and 14N from 135E to 145E and far south of Koror along the equator south of a line from 4N130E to EQ137E. A weak circulation is northeast of Pohnpei at 10N160E with a surface trough southwestward to 3N143E and a surface trough northeastward to about 13N180. Converging surface winds are causing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between the equator and a line that runs northeastward from 4N141E between Chuuk and Pohnpei to 9N164E while scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Kosrae across the Marshall Islands are between 3N and 11N from 164E to 177E. Tropical storm Loke is centered just east of the date line to the northeast of Wake Island at 23N179W and moving northward. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are east of a line from 20N179E to 20N179E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲58	▼47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼69
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲94	▼83
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼76
London	Rain	▲67	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼68
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲59	▼44
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
Osaka	Rain	▲80	▼77
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼63
Pusan	Rain	▲78	▼70
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼67
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Seoul	Rain	▲77	▼66
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲77	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼71

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:26 PM	1:16 AM
Wednesday	3:21 PM	2:10 AM
Thursday	4:15 PM	3:08 AM
Friday	5:09 PM	4:08 AM
Saturday	6:02 PM	5:09 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Business

As China slows, so does Otis

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—As China's economy has grown and skyscrapers have sprouted in cities extending ever westward from its coast, Otis Elevator Co. went along for the ride.

But with China now in a slump and the value of its currency the most recent casualty, Otis and other manufacturing companies staking much on Asia's biggest economy now face a moment of reckoning. After saying for years that increased urbanization would propel growth in China, parent company United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, cut its expected revenue and profit for the year, due partly to the slowdown across the Pacific.

"It's tough to get this bad news out," Greg Hayes, chief executive of United Technologies, said in a call with investor analysts July 21 when second-quarter profit and revenue results were released. "The slowdown in China is worse than what we had expected."

Executives at Otis, based in Farmington, Connecticut, declined to comment for this article.

Construction in China in recent years was dramatic, with "cranes everywhere," driven by national pride demanding ever-taller skyscrapers, said Siva Yam, president of the United States of America-China Chamber of Commerce. The result, he said, was price speculation for land that could not be sustained, particularly as growth slowed.

For Otis, the fall has been steep and embarrassing.

Otis was founded in 1853, installed its first elevator in Shanghai in 1900, has six factories that make elevators and escalators for markets in China and elsewhere, and operates engineering research and development centers in two Chinese cities.

Sales have slowed this year over 2014, falling 7.5 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period in 2014. In contrast, revenue had jumped 4 percent, to about $13 billion, last year over 2013.

Other manufacturers relying on construction also report a tougher reception in China. Caterpillar cut its revenue forecast for the year. Lower construction-related sales in China and Brazil are among the problems. Elevator and escalator manufacturer Schindler said Aug. 14 it expects limited strength in the global market this year, with China "at most expected to achieve minimal growth" in 2015.

"Most companies doubled down on China, thinking it was going to be a huge market for them, and now they're stuck," said Lawrence T. De Maria, an analyst at William Blair & Co. financial services who follows Caterpillar.

More than 60 percent of companies that belong to the American Chamber of Commerce in China reported increased revenue in China last year, but down from 71 percent in 2013 and 2012; 42 percent reported increased profit margins in 2014, down from 48 percent in 2013. And 31 percent said they had no plans to increase investment in China this year, the most since the recession year 2009.

"Growth is clearly slowing in China," said John Frisbie, president of the U.S.-China Business Council. "Companies are seeing a slowdown in their revenue growth."

For Otis, rising competition, particularly for the lucrative repair and maintenance business, also is undermining its Chinese market.

Employees chattiness isn't trivial

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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McClatchy-Tribune News Service

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Q: One of my staff members has been disturbing employees in another department. "Hannah" apparently has some friends there, so she often drops by to socialize with them. This not only interrupts their work, but is also very distracting to nearby coworkers.

Although I have not observed this behavior myself, several colleagues have mentioned it to me. While I don't want to ignore the problem, I obviously can't tell Hannah to stop being friends with these people. How should I handle this touchy situation?

A: Actually, this situation is not "touchy" at all. It's really quite straightforward. If you know Hannah is bothering people during the workday, then this is a performance issue you must address. That's just part of your job as her manager.

While you clearly have no right to prohibit employee friendships, you do have an obligation to keep them from interfering with work. This means that it's time for a coaching session with chatty Hannah to establish expectations about excessive socializing.

For example: "Hannah, I've heard from several people in marketing that you spend a lot of time talking with friends in their department. These lengthy conversations are interfering with both your job and theirs, so from now on, you shouldn't visit the marketing department unless you have a work-related reason."

If Hannah asks who complained, indicate that you understand her curiosity, but that information is confidential. During performance discussions, employees often use this question to distract managers from the topic at hand, so don't allow yourself to get sidetracked.

Finally, after addressing this issue with your own employee, you should ask the other department manager to do the same. After all, Hannah is not talking to herself.

Q: One of my best employees recently handed in her resignation. When I asked why, "Kayla" talked about how tired she always feels at the end of the day. She also mentioned that her husband advised her to consider staying home or working part-time.

I would really hate to lose Kayla, so I offered to hire a junior person to handle some of her responsibilities. She felt this would help and decided not to quit, but I'm afraid she might change her mind. Was I right to persuade Kayla to stay? And what if she still decides to leave?

A: It sounds as though you handled this very well. Instead of trying to convince your star employee that quitting would be a mistake, you inquired about her concerns, then proposed a reasonable solution. If the additional help reduces Kayla's stress, she may find work more enjoyable and be motivated to continue.

Going forward, you should check in with Kayla occasionally to see how things are going and nip any problems in the bud. But if she has some unspoken concerns or if her hubby strongly lobbies for a change, then Kayla's eventual departure may be inevitable. For that reason, you should look for a "junior person" who has the potential to be her backup.

Nation

Less smoke could mean more wildfires in Washington state

OKANOGAN, Wash. (AP)—The massive cloud of smoke began to lift over Washington wildfires on Sunday. But as air quality improves, the fire's behavior could become more erratic and intense, fire officials said.

"It's like a flue opening in a fireplace," said Suzanne Flory, spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team. "Smoke serves as a cap on the fire."

The Okanogan Complex of wildfires was measured at 374 square miles as of Sunday morning.

Once the smoke lifts, humidity drops, heat rises and fires can flare up.

Flory said they would not know until Sunday night or early Monday how much the fire had grown on Sunday, but as of late afternoon, fire activity had been relatively quiet. Visibility and air quality improved Sunday.

Firefighters killed

Three firefighters died after their vehicle crashed and was likely caught by flames as they battled a blaze in Washington state, near the town of Twisp. Four other firefighters were injured.

The complex of fires was estimated to be about 10 percent contained as of Sunday morning, fire spokesman Dan Omdal said.

Containment does not mean the fire has stopped burning. It means it has run out of fuel to burn in that area, either because it has hit a man-made fire line, a drop from airplanes of fire retardant, a road or a lake.

Some of the land within the fire lines is still burning, but other sections have burned out.

"We call it a wildfire, but much of the fire has been tamed," Omdal said. "We are making progress,"

The good news for Sunday is that less smoke means restrictions on air travel will be lifted and more fire tankers can drop water and chemical retardant, Flory said.

Poll: Low marks for grading teachers based on kids' tests

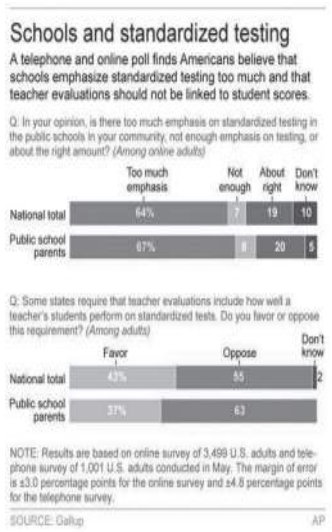
WASHINGTON (AP)—Many Americans, especially public-school parents, give low marks to rating a teacher based partly on how students perform on standardized tests, according to a survey.

The Gallup Poll released Sunday found 55 percent opposed linking teacher evaluations to their students' test scores. Among those with children in public schools opposition was stronger, at 63 percent.

Standardized tests are necessary, but there's an overreliance on them, said Joshua Starr, CEO of Phi Delta Kappa International, an association for educators, and a former schools superintendent. PDK, which supports teachers and educational research, paid for the poll conducted by Gallup.

"Parents see the work their kids bring home every night," Starr said in an interview. "They go to teacher conferences, and they're more likely to judge the school and the quality of the teacher based on that, than solely using test scores."

As many schools prepare for a return to the classroom in the coming weeks, more than 40 states are moving forward with plans to evaluate teachers and principals in part on how well their students perform on standardized tests. It's something the Education Department has supported and encouraged through its Race to the Top grants to schools and other programs. While the department says other factors should be considered, such as student work and parent feedback, teachers, unions and others worry there's too much emphasis on test scores.


Schools and standardized testing
A telephone and online poll finds Americans believe that schools emphasize standardized testing too much and that teacher evaluations should not be linked to student scores.
Q: In your opinion, is there too much emphasis on standardized testing in the public schools in your community, not enough emphasis on testing, or about the right amount? (Among online adults)
Too much emphasis
Not enough
About right
Don't know
National total
64%
7
19
10
Public school parents
67%
8
20
5
Q: Some states require that teacher evaluations include how well a teacher's students perform on standardized tests. Do you favor or oppose this requirement? (Among adults)
Favor
Oppose
Don't know
National total
43%
55
2
Public school parents
37%
63
NOTE: Results are based on online survey of 3,499 U.S. adults and telephone survey of 1,001 U.S. adults conducted in May. The margin of error is ±3.0 percentage points for the online survey and ±4.8 percentage points for the telephone survey.
SOURCE: Gallup
AP

Standardized tests in general were not popular with many in the survey, which included a telephone poll of 1,000 American adults supplemented with an online survey of nearly 3,500 more. The online survey included people initially selected at random, but only those with access to the Internet.

Zookeepers optimistic about survival chances for twin pandas

WASHINGTON (AP)—In more than three decades of trying to breed pandas at the National Zoo, there's been plenty of heartbreak. More cubs born in Washington have died than survived, and news of a birth has often been greeted warily.

But on Sunday, zoo officials were nearly giddy. They don't just have an apparently healthy pair of twins, born Saturday night to panda mom Mei Xiang. They have a template to follow that gives the cubs a strong chance of survival.

Pandas won't usually nurse twins if left to their own devices. They'll care for one and allow the other to die. But in the past decade, Chinese breeders have come up with a system: Every several hours, they swap out the cubs, giving each one the critical time it needs to nurse and bond with its mother. Meanwhile, the other one is kept in an incubator.

Panda keepers at the Smithsonian's National Zoo will continue performing these delicate swaps as long as it's needed and as long as Mei Xiang lets them. By late Sunday afternoon, the twins had traded places three times without incident, with Mei Xiang cradling them in turn.

"If she gets aggressive toward us, we're not going to get that close," giant panda biologist Laurie Thompson said Sunday.

The swapping technique helped twin pandas born two years ago at Zoo Atlanta to survive. That was the second set of panda twins born in the United States. The first, born at the National Zoo in 1987, both died within days.

Scientists in China have learned much more about panda breeding since then. Two decades ago, the survival rate for panda cubs was under 20 percent. Now, it's more than 80 percent, zoo director Dennis Kelly said.

"We've all been involved in events that don't go so well, so we are ecstatic that things are going great," said Don Neiffer, the zoo's chief veterinarian.

Kelly doesn't expect interest in the slow-moving, cuddly looking bears to subside even if successful breeding becomes routine.

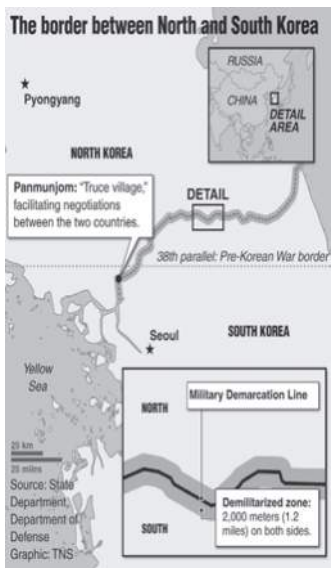
Asia

Frustration mounting as talks between rival Koreas drag on

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—South Korea's president on Monday vowed a hard line and signaled Seoul's mounting frustration as marathon negotiations by senior officials from the rival Koreas stretched into a third day.

Park Geun-hye said that without a clear North Korean apology for a land mine attack that maimed two soldiers, anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts will continue. Her strong words provide a good hint at why the talks, which started Saturday evening and whose second session began Sunday afternoon and was still going Monday afternoon, have dragged on.

For now, the try at diplomacy has pushed aside previous heated warnings of imminent war, but South Korea's military



said North Korea has continued to prepare for a fight, moving unusual numbers of troops and submarines to the border.

North Korea has denied involvement in the land mine explosions earlier this month and rejected Seoul's report that Pyongyang launched an artillery barrage last week—so winning an apology will be difficult work. Pyongyang demands that Seoul stop the propaganda broadcasts started in retaliation for the land mine attack.

These are the highest-level talks between the two Koreas in a year. And just the fact that senior officials from countries that have spent recent days vowing to destroy each other are sitting together at a table in Panmunjom, the border enclave where the 1953 armistice ending fighting in the Korean War was agreed to, is something of a victory.

Typhoon Goni hits Okinawa after killing 15 in Philippines

TOKYO (AP)—Typhoon Goni lashed the southern Japanese islands of Okinawa with heavy rains and winds on Monday, after leaving at least 15 people dead and others missing in the northern Philippines, including a dozen miners whose work camps were buried by a huge mudslide in a mountain village, officials said.

Overnight, record wind-gusts of 256 kph (159 mph) flipped over cars and knocked down utility polls on the remote Japanese island of Ishigaki, near Taiwan, Japanese media reported. A few people were cut by broken windows. The storm, with sustained winds of 180 kph (112 mph), was heading north toward Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu.

In the Philippines, Goni dumped heavy rain for three days on the mountainous north, then battered already-sodden upland villages with fierce winds, triggering landslides, officials said.

Landslides killed at least 12 people in the hard-hit mountain province of Benguet, including four gold miners who were pulled out of a huge mudslide that buried three work camps. A dozen miners remain missing and more than 100 policemen and fellow miners dug through the muddy heap Sunday amid fading hope that survivors would be found, officials said.

Benguet Governor Nestor Fongwan said days of pounding rain and a swollen creek saturated a mountain slope, which cascaded down the gold-mining area at dawn Saturday. "They were sleeping when a huge chunk of the mountain came down and buried their work sites," Fongwan said by phone. "We're still hoping that we'll find survivors. We're still calling it a search and rescue operation."

Three people died elsewhere in the north after being hit by a landslide, a fallen tree and drowning in a river, while three others were missing after being separately swept away by river currents, according to the Office of Civil Defense.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Explosion at US base in Japan lights up night sky

TOKYO (AP)—Multiple explosions and a large fire at a U.S. Army depot lit up the night sky in a Tokyo suburb early Monday. No injuries were reported. The blast happened after midnight at the Sagami General Depot in Sagamihara, a city about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Tokyo, said Navy Commander Bill Urban, a Pentagon press officer. The building that exploded was storing compressed nitrogen, oxygen, Freon and air, a statement issued by the U.S. Army Japan said. Photos taken after daybreak and released by the Army show dozens of gray canisters lying on the floor, and what looks like mangled storage racks. The walls of the one-story, concrete building remain intact, but the windows and doors are damaged and about half of the roof collapsed, the Army said. There are no indications of injuries.

Nepal opens Everest to climbers for 1st time since avalanche

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal has opened Mount Everest to climbers for the first time since an earthquake-triggered avalanche in April killed 19 mountaineers and ended the popular spring climbing season. Japanese climber Nobukazu Kuriki will be the first to attempt to scale the world's highest peak since the quake. Nepal's tourism minister, Kripasur Sherpa, gave Kuriki his climbing permit at a ceremony in Kathmandu on Sunday. Kuriki plans to leave for the mountain on Tuesday by helicopter and then reach the summit in mid-September. The autumn season is considered a difficult time to attempt Everest and is generally avoided by climbers. "The main purpose of my climb is to spread the message that Nepal was safe for climbers and trekkers even after the earthquake," Kuriki told reporters.

India, Pakistan blame each other for cancellation of talks

NEW DELHI (AP)—India and Pakistan blamed each other for the cancellation of talks between their national security advisers that were scheduled for this week, with the rivals squabbling over the agenda. The meeting scheduled for Monday in New Delhi would have resumed dialogue between the nuclear-armed neighbors a year after India canceled talks because Pakistan had consulted with Kashmiri separatists. "The cancellation of talks at the level of the national security advisers is unfortunate. It's Pakistan which has canceled the talks and not India," Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh told reporters on Sunday, adding that the possibility of any future dialogue would depend on Pakistan. Pakistan's foreign ministry issued a statement late Saturday rejecting India's suggestion to restrict the meeting to issues related to terrorism. Pakistan was keen on discussing the dispute over Kashmir and meet with Kashmiri separatist leaders.

World

US airman says train attacker was 'ready to fight to the end'

PARIS (AP)_Three American travelers say they relied on gut instinct and a close bond forged over years of friendship as they took down a heavily armed man on a passenger train speeding through Belgium.

U.S. Airman Spencer Stone, recounting for the first time on Sunday how a likely catastrophe was averted two days earlier, said the gunman, an assault rifle strapped to his bare chest, seemed like he was "ready to fight to the end." But he added, "So were we."

Without a note of bravado but a huge dose of humility, the three described Friday's drama on an Amsterdam-to-Paris fast train.

His arm in a sling, Stone, 23, said he was coming out of a deep sleep when the gunman appeared.

One of his friends, Alek Skarlatos, a 22-year-old National Guardsman recently back from

Afghanistan, "just hit me on the shoulder and said `Let's go.'"

French President Francois Hollande and a bevy of officials are presenting the Americans with the prestigious Legion of Honor on Monday. A French citizen who first came across the gunman near a train bathroom and a British man who joined to help tie up the assailant also are being honored with the award, according to the president's office.

The gunman, identified as 26-year-old Moroccan Ayoub El-Khazzani, is detained and being questioned by French counterterrorism police outside Paris. French and Spanish authorities say El-Khazzani is an Islamic extremist who may have spent time in Syria. El-Khazzani's lawyer said on Sunday that he was homeless and trying to rob passengers on the train to feed himself.

Authorities in France, Belgium and Spain, where he once lived, are investigating the case. French authorities can legally hold him for questioning until Tuesday, when they must charge him or free him.

With many Ebola survivors ailing, doctors evaluate situation

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—Lingering health problems afflicting many of the roughly 13,000 Ebola survivors have galvanized global and local health officials to find out how widespread the ailments are, and how to remedy them.

The World Health Organization calls it an emergency within an emergency. Many of the survivors have vision and hearing issues. Some others experience physical and emotional pains, fatigue and other problems. The medical community is negotiating uncharted waters as it tries to measure the scale of this problem that comes on the tail end of the biggest Ebola outbreak in history.

"If we can find out this kind of information, hopefully we can help other Ebola survivors in the future," Dr. Zan Yeong, an eye specialist involved in a study of health problems in survivors in Liberia, told The Associated Press.

About 7,500 people will enroll—1,500 Ebola survivors and 6,000 of their close contacts—and will be monitored over a five-year period in the study launched by Partnership for Research on Ebola Vaccines in Liberia, or PREVAIL.

Only about 40 percent of those infected have survived Ebola, according to WHO estimates. But while the survivors beat the odds, preliminary research shows that many are still suffering. Around half those who received post-recovery check-ups have joint pain, said Dr. Daniel Bausch, an Ebola expert and consultant for WHO.

"We don't have the capacity yet—we wish we did—to follow every survivor," he said. Consequently, the percentage of survivors who have complications isn't known, he said.

He described the joint pain as "very debilitating and a very serious problem that can prevent people from going back to work and providing for their family."

Some degree of changes in vision has been reported by roughly 25 percent of the survivors who have been seen by medics, he said, including severe inflammation of the eye that if untreated can result in blindness, he said. The Ebola virus has been found, in at least a few cases, to linger in the eyes, though experts say it is not transmitted through tears.

Activists: Islamic State destroys temple at Syria's Palmyra

BEIRUT (AP)—Islamic State militants have destroyed a temple at Syria's ancient ruins of Palmyra, activists said Sunday, realizing the worst fears archaeologists had for the 2,000-year-old Roman-era city after the extremists seized it and beheaded a local scholar.

Palmyra, one of the Middle East's most spectacular archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage site, sits near the modern Syrian city of the same name. Activists said the militants used explosives to blow up the Baalshamin Temple on its grounds, the blast so powerful it also damaged some of the Roman columns around it.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Sunday night that the temple was blown up a month ago. Turkey-based activist Osama al-Khatib, who is originally from Palmyra, said the temple was blown up Sunday. Both said the extremists used a large amount of explosives to destroy it.

Both activists relied on information for those still in Palmyra and the discrepancy in their accounts could not be immediately reconciled, though such contradictory information is common in Syria's long civil war.

The fate of the nearby Temple of Bel, dedicated to the Semitic god Bel, was not immediately known. Islamic State group supporters on social media also did not immediately mention the temple's destruction.

The Sunni extremists, who have imposed a violent interpretation of Islamic law across their self-declared "caliphate" in territory they control in Syria and Iraq, claim ancient relics promote idolatry and say they are destroying them as part of their purge of paganism. However, they are also believed to sell off looted antiquities, bringing in significant sums of cash.

Al-Khatib said the Baalshamin Temple is about 500 meters (550 yards) from the Palmyra's famous amphitheater where the group killed more than 20 Syrian soldiers after they captured the historic town in May.

Life & Style

WWE star Cena will grant milestone 500th Make-A-Wish request

By DAN GELSTON
AP SPORTS WRITER

John Cena had long ago turned "Never give up" from his wrestling catchphrase into a motto for sick children who have to fight daily more than the WWE superstar ever has inside the ring.

On Monday, he will become the first celebrity to grant 500 wishes in Make-A-Wish Foundation history.

"I just drop everything," Cena said. "If I can offer a fantastic experience, I'll be first in line to do my part."

Rocco Lanzer, an 8-year-old boy from Queens, New York diagnosed in January with leukemia, will get ringside seats for the weekly "Raw" television show, among other things.

Cena feted Rocco with swag on Thursday's "Today" show and attended a party to celebrate all the wishes Friday in New York.

AP
World Wrestling Entertainment superstar John Cena, center, is accompanied by Make-A-Wish participants Evan Maher, and Elijah Mendoza, foreground left and right, as he visits the trading floor, Friday, Aug. 21, 2015, before ringing the New York Stock Exchange opening bell.

Rocco, who needs at least three years of treatment, appeared on a video package where he said Cena is "nice and strong and inspirational. He reminds kids to never give up."

Cena surprised him on the set with a championship belt and tickets for Monday's show. Rocco stared at the tickets with mouth agape before his mother, Maria, urged him to give Cena a high-five.

"When he was diagnosed, everybody would tell him you have to be strong and you can never give up," Maria Lanzer said. "He was like, `Wow, mommy, that's what John Cena says.' I'm like, `See, if a wrestler tells you to never give up, then you can't give up. You have to fight and be strong.'"

Cena granted his first wish in 2004, about two years after his WWE debut. As he soared toward the top of the wrestling world, so did his popularity with Make-A-Wish children. He granted his 300th wish in 2012 and hit 400 in 2014. He was the first celebrity to reach those milestones.

"They certainly deserve a day as a real kid," Cena said.

The 38-year-old Cena is following a WWE tradition of granting wishes. The organization has granted more than 6,000 wishes to meet WWE superstars or attend its live shows. The tradition started in the early 1980s with Hulk Hogan being the most requested. Nearly 50 wrestlers have granted wishes since 2001.

With WWE chief brand officer Stephanie McMahon on hand, the sports entertainment company made a $1 million commitment to Make-A-Wish at Friday's event.

Owen Wilson says his father suffers from Alzheimer's

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas-born actor Owen Wilson says that while his father having Alzheimer's disease is "a rough thing," he also knows that there are things to be grateful for, including that his father is being cared for at home and has people around who love him.

"It is a rough thing," Wilson told the Dallas Morning News (http://bit.ly/1PtwieE) in his first public comment about his 74-year-old father's illness. "It's one of those things where if somebody had said 10 years ago, when my dad and I were joking around, having a putting match, that this is the position your dad's going to be in, where he basically needs 24-hour care, you'd think, `Gosh, I won't be able to handle that. That's just not possible,'" Wilson said.

The actor, who grew up in Dallas, added: "You just have to do your best to deal with it. You've got no choice but to accept it. And then, you sort of still look for the things to be grateful for."

His father, Robert A. "Bob" Wilson, is a longtime Dallas executive. He took charge of Dallas' public television affiliate, KERA, in 1967. He hired Jim Lehrer from the Dallas Times Herald and put him in charge of public affairs programming. That led to the creation of a local news program with Lehrer as host that became the forerunner of a national staple, "The News Hour With Jim Lehrer."

"For me and my brothers, there just wasn't a bigger influence on us," Owen Wilson, who has starred in movies including "Wedding Crashers," told the newspaper.

His brothers are actors Luke and Andrew Wilson.

Bob's wife and the mother of the Wilson brothers is photographer Laura Wilson, who says her boys cherish thoughts of their father's gift for making memorable conversation and his devotion as a dad.

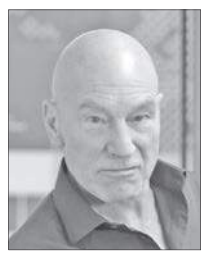
Owen Wilson plays a father in his new movie "No Escape," a thriller about a businessman who unwittingly transports his wife and two young daughters into a country where the government is being toppled in a coup. Wilson, 46, said it's a role he couldn't have played without first becoming a father himself. He has two sons, ages 4 1/2 and 1 1/2.

Patrick Stewart flexes his comedy muscle in 'Blunt Talk'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Patrick Stewart never really considered himself a funny guy.

After commanding a starship and a team of mutants in sci-fi and superhero franchises, Stewart's newest mission is starring in his first-ever TV comedy. With his role in Starz' "Blunt Talk" as naughty newsman Walter Blunt, the classically trained theater actor is discovering at age 75 that he can make folks laugh.

"It's a fairly recent development," Stewart said earlier this summer on the show's set during a break from filming a scene with guest star Jason Schwartzman. "When I first worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company, I started in what's called 'low comedy' roles, like Touchstone, Grumio and Lancelot. Then, something happened, and I was only playing deeply disturbed kings and neurotics. I never really went back."


Stewart

While he's best known as Professor Charles Xavier and Captain Jean-Luc Picard from the "X-Men" and "Star Trek" series, Stewart has spent more of his career onstage than in the X-Mansion or on the USS Enterprise. Besides playing everyone from Claudius to Macbeth, he's performed a one-man rendition of "A Christmas Carol" and finished a West End and Broadway run last year of Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land" and Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" with buddy Ian McKellen.

"It's no different," said Stewart. "It's just a lot more fun. I was talking about this with Jason. The fundamentals don't change because going for truth, realism and spontaneity is all still the objective, but now it's also about going for humor. I've found the more serious you play the words from the script, the funnier they can become, so to my relief, it works."

In "Blunt Talk," which debuts Saturday (9 p.m. EDT), Stewart plays a cheeky Falklands War veteran and host of a cable news show. In the first episode, the booze-and-cocaine-loving anchorman is caught in a car with a prostitute and attempts to rehabilitate his image by interviewing himself.

Wife won't share her workday after husband shuts her out

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 36 years to a woman who is a pediatric physical therapist. A number of her youngsters are disabled or abused, and their lives can be a struggle. This results in emotional, intense workdays for my wife. She brings these stories home and shares them with me.

Over the years on three or four occasions, I have either told her I didn't care to hear an emotional story that day, or ignored her when she tried to tell me. The last time I said it was last year, and now she refuses to tell me anything about her workload. She's very stubborn, and although I am interested in what she does, she won't let me apologize. She says she will discuss it only with her fellow therapists at work.

Abby, what can I do to convey to her that I want to share her experiences?

REGRETFUL IN GEORGIA

DEAR REGRETFUL: If you haven't been able to get through to your wife by now, probably not much.

There's a saying that a joy shared is twice a joy and a burden shared is half a burden. When she tried to confide what was weighing on her mind or heart on those occasions, your response was, frankly, unkind. Further, if the treatment she's giving those children is covered by HIPAA regulations, it's possible that the only people she should talk to about them are her colleagues.

I wish I could be more helpful, but it looks like you may have to find another way to be intimate with your wife besides discussing her workload.

DEAR ABBY: As chairman of the American Institute of CPAs' Tax Executive Committee, may I offer some clarification to you and your readers about your answer in your July 13 column titled, "Couple Deep in Tax Hole Need Help in Climbing Out"?

In fact, THREE groups of tax preparers have unlimited practice rights under Department of the Treasury regulations to represent their clients on any matters before the IRS—certified public accountants, attorneys and enrolled agents.

None are more qualified than CPAs. CPAs are licensed by state regulators and must meet minimum education requirements to sit for their national licensing exam and then fulfill ongoing continuing education requirements, as well as abide by a code of professional ethics. Attorneys have a generally similar system.

Enrolled agents are often former IRS employees who are licensed by the IRS after passing an exam. Enrolled agents are competent and respected tax professionals, but the fact they are licensed by the IRS does not mean they are better qualified or superior in serving clients than are CPAs or attorneys.

IRS.gov has a page explaining the different types of tax return preparers and their qualifications, which may be helpful to your readers.

TROY K. LEWIS, CPA

DEAR MR. LEWIS: Thank you for the clarification and for expanding my reply to that letter. It was not my intention to imply that CPAs are less qualified than enrolled agents—and if I created that impression, I sincerely apologize.

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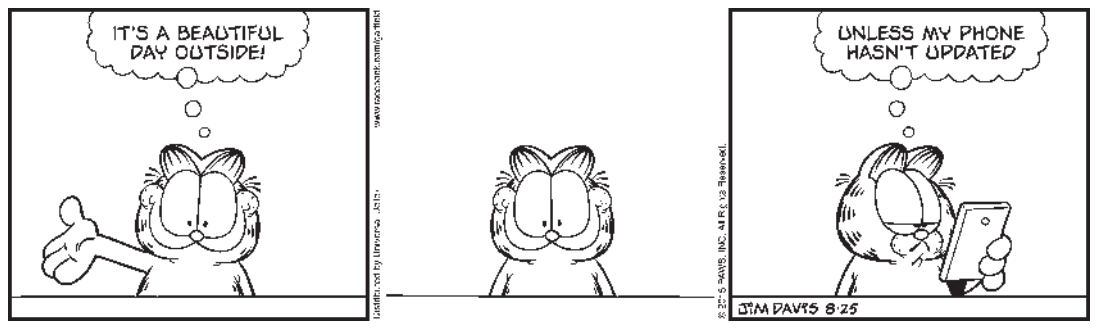

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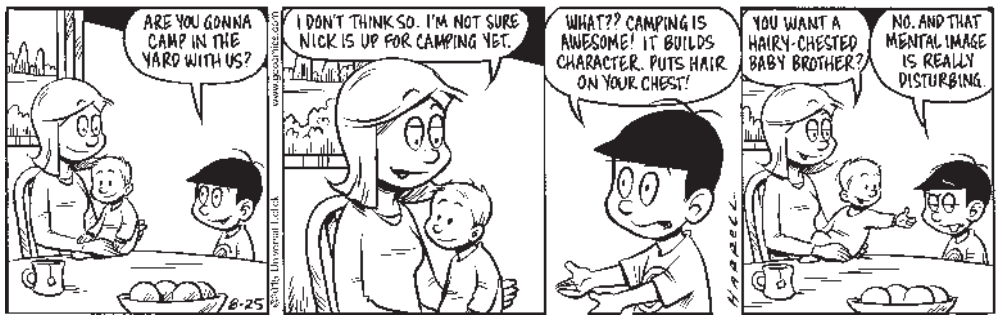
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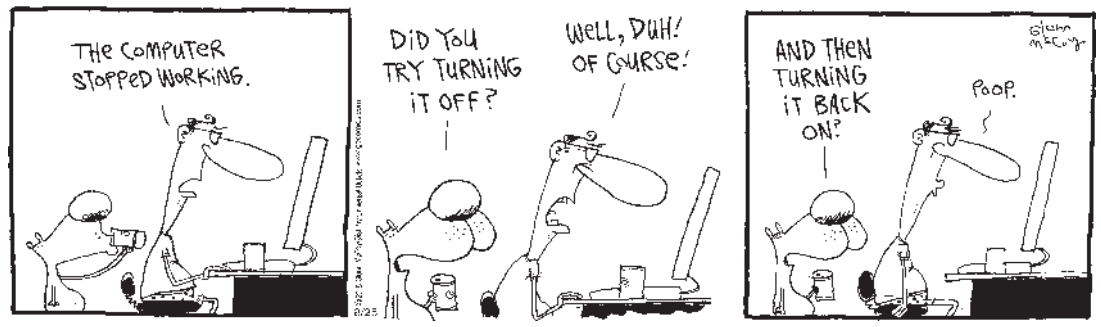

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12 Leer at
13 Cake topper
14 Sapporo sash
15 Group with a job
17 Swab the decks
18 Picnic invaders
19 Hamstrings
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24 Staffer
25 Lotion additive
26 Nonnoble
30 Doctrine
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32 Spy novel org.
33 Subway patron
35 Actress Gilpin
36 Lhasa —
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42 Moreover
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50 A Great Lake
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DOWN

1 "What's up, —?"
2 Id counterpart
3 Shady tree
4 Unoriginal movie?
5 Skater Katarina
6 Performances
7 Witness
8 Earlier bouts
9 Began
10 Reed instrument
11 Gladys Knight's backup
16 — and outs
20 Commotion
21 Secular
22 As well
23 Shock troops
24 U.S.
26 Censor of old Rome
27 Inseparable
28 Green land
29 Reason for a tarp
31 Rodgers & Hammerstein creation
34 Gasoline stat
35 Gave a bad review to
37 Romanian money
38 Go belly up
39 Destroy
40 Portent
41 Opening day?
44 Raw rock
45 Anger
46 Sardine container
47 "Absolutely"

Solution time: 22 mins.

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Pressure will lead to an emotional meltdown if you aren't willing to turn your focus inward and work on self-improvement. Turn any negatives you face into positives by offering original solutions. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You can learn new skills by volunteering to take on new responsibilities. The way you communicate with your peers and the decisions you make will raise your visibility and set you up for advancement. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Put more into the way you present and promote what you have to offer and how you look. Don't let comments or false information play on your emotions. Go directly to the source and find out for yourself what's true and what isn't. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Try something new, exciting and different. Engage in activities that will provide you with unique information that can result in new projects or job prospects. An open mind and new opportunities will motivate you. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Consider a change of plans with regard to how you use your skills and talents. Put more time and effort into looking and being your best. A romantic encounter will help you make a decision that will lead to good fortune. ✪✪✪

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LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Emotional confusion will pose a problem for you when dealing with friends and relatives. You will do better working alongside people you don't know too well. Offer to help an organization you believe in, and see where it leads. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Do your best to avoid physical confrontations. Don't let anyone put you in a vulnerable position. Someone will offer you a chance to make an unusual move. Call in favors if it will help you take advantage of a deal or proposal. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take care of money matters and you will find a way to increase your income through investments, business plans or collecting debts owed to you. Taking a practical approach and finding workable solutions will lead to ongoing gains. ✪✪✪

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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/25

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Blue Jays cap sweep of Angels with 12-5 win

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion had four hits from four at bats with a homer and four RBIs as the Toronto Blue Jays completed a thunderous three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday with a 12-5 victory that vaulted them back into first place in the AL East.

The Jays' 16th victory in 19 games, coupled with the Yankees' 4-3 loss to Cleveland, put Toronto atop the division for the first time since Aug. 13.

The Blue Jays, who lead the majors by far with 670 runs, set a franchise record for a three-game series with 36. They totaled 48 hits against a vanquished Angels pitching staff that has surrendered 44 runs, 60 hits and 15 walks over their last four games.

R.A. Dickey (8-10) won his fifth straight decision over seven starts, despite allowing five runs and 11 hits in six innings.

The Angels' Garrett Richards (12-10) was charged with nine runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

AP

Toronto Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion, center, gets congratulations from teammates after scoring on an infield single by Ben Revere during the third inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

Indians 4, Yankees 3

In New York, Francisco Lindor homered off Dellin Betances in the eighth, Trevor Bauer threw 6 1/3 strong innings and CC Sabathia exited with an injury as Cleveland beat New York on Andy Pettitte Day in the Bronx.

Carlos Santana homered off Sabathia for the Indians, who have won five of their last six games at Yankee Stadium. Sabathia departed in the third inning with right knee pain.

Lindor's homer, the rookie's second blast in two games, came moments after Carlos Beltran hit a game-tying double off reliever Bryan Shaw (2-2) in the seventh.

Lindor became the first left-handed batter to homer off Betances (6-3), who had faced 302 left-handed hitters without allowing a homer.

Cardinals 10, Padres 3

In San Diego, Michael Wacha pitched six solid innings and Stephen Piscotty homered twice and drove in five runs to help St. Louis Cardinals avoid a three-game sweep.

Jason Heyward had three hits as St. Louis averted getting swept for the first time this season.

Wacha (15-4) got his fourth straight win, allowing one run and four hits while striking out three and walking two.

After being shut out on Saturday night, the Cardinals scored four in the first against rookie Colin Rea, who was making his third major-league start. Rea (2-1) struggled early and made a throwing error in the first that contributed to the Cardinals' rally. He gave up five runs—four earned—over four innings.

San Diego made two errors in the first inning and the Cardinals capitalized with three hits, including Piscotty's two-run triple.

Mariners 8, White Sox 6

In Seattle, Robinson Cano had a two-run homer and Nelson Cruz doubled in two runs to help Seattle avoid a three-game sweep.

Seattle built a 7-1 lead through five innings, but the White Sox cut it to 7-6 with five runs in the sixth behind a pair of two-run homers.

Adam Eaton singled with one out in the sixth and scored on Tyler Saladino's double. Jose Abreu followed with his 23rd home run. After Melky Cabrera grounded out, Avisail Garcia singled, chasing starter Taijuan Walker. Logan Kensing, called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Tacoma, relieved and allowed a two-run homer to Adam LaRoche, his 12th.

The Mariners added a run in the eighth on Ketel Marte's sacrifice fly.

Walker (9-7) allowed five runs on seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

John Danks (6-11) was tagged for seven runs on eight hits in five innings.

Athletics 8, Rays 2

In Oakland, California, Eric Sogard hit a tiebreaking two-run single as part of a seven-run seventh inning as Oakland withstood another blown late lead by the bullpen to beat Tampa Bay.

Mark Canha tripled and drove in four runs while Billy Burns added three hits for the A's, who won for just the third time in 12 games.

The A's went into the game with the worst record in the AL and managed only three hits through the first six innings before matching their season high with seven runs in one inning.

Stephen Vogt had two hits as part of the seventh when the Oakland sent 12 men to the plate. Vogt was also thrown out at home two batters before Sogard's hit off Steve Geltz (2-5) put the A's ahead for good.

Fernando Rodriguez (3-1) retired four batters for the win after the Rays scored twice off Sean Doolittle in the seventh.

Mets 5, Rockies 1

In Denver, Logan Verrett stepped into Matt Harvey's spot and earned his first major league win in his first start, pitching eight impressive innings to lead New York.

After the NL East-leading Mets posted two 14-9 wins at Coors Field, Verrett (1-0) allowed just one run and four hits while striking out eight. He got the spot start when the Mets decided to push back Harvey's outing, and he turned in a performance worthy of New York's strong rotation.

Michael Conforto had three hits for the Mets, who have won 11 straight against Colorado dating to 2014.

David Hale (3-5) threw a pair of wild pitches while Anthony Recker was batting in the second inning, both allowing a run to score.

Twins 4, Orioles 3, 12 innings

In Baltimore, Trevor Plouffe hit a tying single with two outs in the ninth inning as Minnesota took advantage of two errors in the 12th to complete a four-game sweep.

Twins manager Paul Molitor was ejected in the ninth for arguing a strikeout by Miguel Sano, who tried to hold back his swing. Plouffe followed with his hit, giving closer Zach Britton his third blown save of the season.

All-Star third baseman Manny Machado moved to shortstop for the first time in his major league career in the 12th and misplayed a grounder by Eduardo Escobar, who slid in safely to second. It was Machado's second error of the game. Third baseman Jimmy Paredes then could not handle a sharp grounder by Shane Robinson that allowed Escobar to score.

Glen Perkins (2-4), who had been dealing with a bulging disc and hadn't pitched since Aug. 17, picked up the win. Tommy Milone got his first career save.

Brian Matusz (1-3) took the loss.

Cubs 9, Braves 3

In Chicago, Kris Bryant homered twice and Kyle Schwarber connected an inning after hitting a hard foul ball that sent a fan to the hospital as Chicago handed Atlanta its seventh straight loss.

The game was briefly delayed in the first inning after Schwarber's foul liner hit a female fan sitting just past the camera well on the first base side. The woman was carried off on a stretcher and taken to a hospital. The Cubs said the woman was conscious.

Several fans around the majors have been hit this season, and Major League Baseball has said it is studying the issue of crowd safety.

The Cubs hit five home runs, including a leadoff shot by Dexter Fowler in the first inning and a three-run drive by Miguel Montero.

Jason Hammel (7-5) allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings.

Matt Wisler (5-4) gave up Bryant's two-run homer in the first, Schwarber's solo drive in the second and Montero's homer in the third.

Astros 3, Dodgers 2, 10 innings

In Houston, Jason Castro's solo homer in the 10th inning helped Houston complete a three-game sweep.

There was one out in the 10th when Castro connected off Chris Hatcher (1-5), launching a 96 mph fastball into the first row of the seats in left field. The play was reviewed and confirmed.

Kenley Jansen, who had converted 17 straight save opportunities, allowed a leadoff single to rookie Carlos Correa in the ninth before the Astros tied it up on a two-out RBI single by Marwin Gonzalez.

Luke Gregerson (7-2) allowed one hit in a scoreless 10th for the win.

The NL West-leading Dodgers were swept by the Astros for the first time since May of 2008 and have dropped a season-high five straight overall.

Royals 8, Red Sox 6

In Boston, Mike Moustakas' two-run double capped a four-run ninth inning that rallied AL Central-leading Kansas City past Boston.

Moustakas also had a solo homer and RBI double as the Royals salvaged a split of the four-game series.

Boston led 6-4 going into the ninth. After left fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. threw out Omar Infante trying for an inside-the-park homer for the first out, Kansas City rallied with four hits against Junichi Tazawa (2-6), tying it on Eric Hosmer's two-run single. Moustakas hit a bases-loaded double to right.

Chris Young (9-6) retired one batter and Wade Davis got the final three outs for his 11th save.

Nationals 9, Brewers 5

In Washington, Anthony Rendon and Wilson Ramos homered, and Danny Espinosa hit a three-run double to lead Washington.

Bryce Harper doubled twice for the Nationals, who completed consecutive series victories for the first time since winning three straight in late June.

Jordan Zimmermann (10-8) allowed four runs over 5 2/3 innings.

Matt Garza (6-14) gave up seven runs over 4 2/3 innings in his shortest outing since May 16. He allowed eight hits and a career high-tying six walks and raised his career ERA 7.17 against Washington in eight starts.

Jonathan Lucroy, Scooter Gennett and Khris Davis homered for Milwaukee.

Rangers 4, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Cole Hamels threw six strong innings, and Mike Napoli and Chris Gimenez homered to help Texas hold onto the second AL wild-card spot.

The Rangers, who have won nine of their last 11 games, started the day with a half-game lead over the Angels, with Baltimore another half-game back.

Hamels (7-8) got the win, allowing two runs on eight hits and two walks. He struck out two. Shawn Tolleson, the third Rangers reliever, pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

Matt Boyd (1-4) gave up three runs on five hits and three walks in six innings.

Mitch Moreland put Texas ahead with a two-run double in the sixth.

Adrian Beltre and Rangers manager Jeff Banister were both ejected in the fifth inning.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Chris Anderson gave up five hits in 6 2/3 innings, and Welington Castillo and David Peralta homered to help Arizona hand Cincinnati its season high-tying ninth straight loss.

The Diamondbacks completed their first four-game sweep over the Reds.

Anderson (6-5) was optioned to Triple-A Reno on Tuesday and recalled on Thursday when Jeremy Hellickson was put on the disabled list. Relievers Addison Reed and Matt Reynolds finished the shutout. Reynolds, coming back from Tommy John surgery, made his first big league appearance since June 2013.

Raisel Iglesias (3-5) struck out 13 in seven innings, the most by a Reds rookie since Gary Nolan fanned 15 Giants in 1967.

Phillies 2, Marlins 0

In Miami, rookie Aaron Nola pitched a career-high eight innings and allowed only one runner to advance beyond first base, helping Philadelphia beat Miami and tighten the race for next year's top draft pick.

By winning the final three games in the four-game series, the Phillies moved into a tie with Miami for the worst record in the majors (50-74). Philadelphia is 21-12 since the All-Star break.

Nola (4-1) allowed three hits, walked two and struck out six while throwing a career-high 100 pitches. The Phillies' 2014 first-round draft choice lowered his ERA to 3.59 and improved to 4-0 in his past six starts.

Marlins rookie Adam Conley (1-1) allowed one run while pitching a career-high six innings. He walked four, but the Phillies went 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position against him.

Pirates 5, Giants 2

In Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen hit his 19th homer and Pedro Alvarez made up for some shaky defense by adding his 20th of the season as the Pirates held off the Giants.

Francisco Liriano (9-6) gave up two unearned runs and struck out five in 5 1/3 eventful innings to win his fifth straight decision. The Pirates are 10-0 in Liriano's last 10 starts dating back to June 26.

Alvarez committed a pair of errors that led directly to both San Francisco runs but atoned with a solo shot in the seventh that gave Pittsburgh some breathing room. Mark Melancon worked a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 39th save.

Matt Duffy had three hits for the Giants. Ryan Vogelsong (9-9) failed to make it out of the fourth inning as San Francisco finished 2-5 on a seven-game road trip.

Love wins the Wyndham, while Tiger struggles in final round

WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—During their practice round together before the Wyndham Championship, Tiger Woods pumped local favorite Davis Love III for tips on how to play the course.

Looks like Love saved a few secrets for himself.

Love became the third-oldest winner in PGA Tour history with his victory Sunday, while Woods' season came to an abrupt end.

The 51-year-old Love closed with a 6-under 64 for a one-stroke victory over Jason Gore.

"Tiger and I were talking on the putting green—one of us needed to get going and win this thing," Love said.

He did.

Woods had trouble getting his final round started.

The dominant storyline all week at Sedgefield Country Club was the mere presence of Woods, who needed a victory to earn a spot in the FedEx Cup playoffs opener next week.

He was poised to challenge Sunday, starting just two strokes off the lead. But he only had one birdie during his first 10 holes, dropping way off the pace with a triple bogey on the par-4 11th. Woods shot a 70, finished four strokes back and ended at No. 178 in the standings, well outside the top 125.

"I gave myself a chance, and I had all the opportunity in the world today to do it," Woods said. "I didn't get it done."

AP

Davis Love III tees off on the third hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

Now comes a break before his next tournament, the Frys.com Open in October in northern California. It's the first event of the tour's 2015-16 season.

"This is my offseason right now," he said.

Love—who started at No. 186—played himself into The Barclays by earning 500 FedEx Cup points and $972,000 in prize money.

At 51 years, 4 months, 10 days, Love trails only Sam Snead and Art Wall on the tour's age list. Snead won the last of his eight Greensboro titles in 1965 at Sedgefield at 52 years, 10 months, 8 days, and Wall took the 1975 Greater Milwaukee Open at 51 years, 7 months, 10 days.

"Any victory now is going to be really sweet when you're over 50," Love said.

Love has 21 career victories, three in Greensboro. His previous two wins came across town at Forest Oaks Country Club in 1992 and 2006, and he had just one win since then—at the 2008 Children's Miracle Network Classic in Florida.

"To have your name thrown out there with Sam Snead at any point is incredible," Love said. "For some reason, this tournament has been good to guys in my age group."

Love finished at 17-under 263. Gore, the third-round leader, shot a 69. Scott Brown (68), Charl Schwartzel (66) and Paul Casey (67) were two strokes behind Love.

Love, four strokes back after three rounds, started strong with four birdies and an eagle on Nos. 2-6. He moved to 17 under with an eagle on the par-5 15th - the first of his career during a competitive round on that hole.

He closed with three straight pars, walked off the 18th green with a two-stroke lead over Brown and Gore, and headed to the range to hit a few shots and rest up for a possible playoff.

"You don't really know what to do," Love said. "You don't go to the cabin and think that you've won."

Brown pulled within one stroke of Love with a birdie on 15, and Gore made things even more interesting with an eagle on that hole.

Neither got any closer.

Brown hit his approach on the 18th to about 60 feet, left his putt about 10 feet short and three-putted for bogey. Gore needed to make a 50-foot birdie putt on 18 to force a playoff, but he left it about a foot short to wrap up the victory for Love.

"I told my coach starting today, '17 is a playoff and 18 is a winner,'" Brown said.

There was quite a crowd near the top of the leaderboard for a while. Midway through the afternoon, five players shared the lead at 15 under.

None of them was Woods.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	69	55	.556	–
New York	68	55	.553	½
Baltimore	62	61	.504	6½
Tampa Bay	62	62	.500	7
Boston	56	68	.452	13

Central Division

Kansas City	75	48	.610	–
Minnesota	63	61	.508	12½
Detroit	59	64	.480	16
Chicago	58	64	.475	16½
Cleveland	58	65	.472	17

West Division

Houston	69	56	.552	–
Texas	64	59	.520	4
Los Angeles	63	61	.508	5½
Seattle	57	67	.460	11½
Oakland	54	71	.432	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	67	56	.545	–
Washington	62	61	.504	5
Atlanta	53	71	.427	14½
Miami	50	74	.403	17½
Philadelphia	50	74	.403	17½

Central Division

St. Louis	78	45	.634	–
Pittsburgh	74	48	.607	3½
Chicago	71	51	.582	6½
Milwaukee	53	72	.424	26
Cincinnati	51	71	.418	26½

West Division

Los Angeles	67	56	.545	–
San Francisco	66	58	.532	1½
Arizona	62	61	.504	5
San Diego	61	63	.492	6½
Colorado	49	73	.402	17½

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cowboys owner Jones apologizes to 49ers for grass comment

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones apologized to the San Francisco 49ers for his concerns and criticism of the Levi's Stadium grass leading up to Sunday night's preseason game.

Jones, speaking outside Dallas locker room after a 23-6 loss, said he should have inspected the sod himself before speaking out on the radio Friday. Coach Jason Garrett also expressed concerns.

"To begin with, realize the world championship is going to be played right on this same grass. By the way, let me say this, anything I said about that grass, I'm wrong, I take back. It's a great playing surface," Jones said, unprompted. "They've done a lot of work. I feel terrible that in any way without coming up here and doing my own grass inspection that I had any criticism of their grass. If we did a few things as good as they do grass, we'd have a lot better show here, too. Hats off to them. This is great management. These people do a great job."

This time, the 49ers used a different company, Evergreen Turf out of Chandler, Arizona, which supplies the NFC West rival Cardinals. The field was resodded during the week following a pair of Taylor Swift concerts Aug. 14-15, then is scheduled to be at least partially re-sodded following a concert by Luke Bryan next Saturday and again with a brand new field for San Francisco's Sept. 14 opener on a Monday night against Minnesota.

The hope is that field will stay put for close to half the season, if not longer.

Youth players even got to scrimmage during halftime as the grass held up well. On Aug. 1 for the Niners' opening training camp practice in front of fans, the field quickly broke into chunks and forced first-year coach Jim Tomsula to move some previously scheduled practices from Levi's Stadium to the nearby practice fields.

"I will tell you that our field guys and grounds crew are phenomenal," Tomsula said after the game. "I have a ton of respect for them, a ton of confidence in them. I think they're doing a great job. I can honestly tell you I did not look at the field one time all week."

The 49ers reached an agreement with West Coast Turf to have their own designated section of sod so it is always ready when the franchise might need to change the grass. San Francisco also installed some synthetic turf this offseason around the outer, high-traffic section of the field that has helped with conserving water in drought-starved California.

The year-old, $1.3 billion stadium will host the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

Jones said he went out early Sunday to look at the field and changed his stance.

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the final frame to lift their team to the 13-point winning margin in their debut in the inaugural league. Hard Kulangot also played its first match in the Blue Haus and IT&E-backed caging that was suspended for more than two weeks after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan.

Wag Kang Pabebe and Purple Rain also saw action in the nine-team league for the first time last Sunday with the former easing its way past the latter, 67-50.

Brendon Talania and Christian Devero proved to be too much for Purple Rain as the duo scored more than half of Wag Kang Pabebe's total output. Talania sizzled for a game-high 29 points, while Devero chipped in 18, as they nearly outgunned the entire Purple Rain crew.

The Wag Kang Pabebe's 1-2 punch alternately hit baskets for their team, which established an early double-digit advantage at halftime, 29-17, to set up the easy win. In the second half, Purple Rain could not find the antidote to Wag Kang Pabebe's scoring duo, allowing the latter to complete a lopsided win.

With the victory, Wag Kang Pabebe and Makalaro Lang joined Pasion de Amor in the win column. Pasion de Amor has the early lead in the lead following its back-to-back triumphs last Saturday against Kidlat, 73-69, and Red Rice.

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their U12 doubles title match against Schuster and Tautu, 3-6, 3-6, while the pair of Breen and Morgan rounded out the Top 3 following a 6-2, 6-2 win over American Samoa's Jireh Warren and Samoa's Leafine Cronin, 6-2, 6-2. Tuttle and her teammate Anne Skilling of FSM finished fifth after recording a 6-4, 6-3 victory over the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird and Vanuatu's Desiree Signo.

In the girls U14, Guitton and Lamorelle denied the CNMI its second championship after they defeated Tan and Miyawaki in the finals, 7-5, 6-2. In the battle for third place, American Samoa's Crystal Christman and Mychealla Miller downed the CNMI's Mimi Sakano and their compatriot Hanisi Ledua, 6-3, 7-6 5.

In other doubles results, Tahiti's Vaitea Molinier and Samoa's Phillip Warren, Tahiti's Osmont and Jeremy Guines, and Samoa's Harley Cronin and American Samoa's Larry Magalasan ruled the boys U12, U14, and U16 divisions, respectively.

Magalasan and Cronin stunned the top-ranked duo of Tahiti's Reynai Taaroa and American Samoa's Jummah Vigas in the finals, 3-6, 7-5, 10-5.

In the U12 title match, Molinier and Warren prevailed against Norfolk Island's Sam Cribb and Fiji's Maui Leflon, 6-1, 6-3, while in the U14 finals, the Tahitian pair defeated the Vanuatu duo of Mainguy and Marlin Hannam, 6-1, 6-3.

Still in the boys U14 doubles division, Tudela and FSM's Joab William beat Samoa's Kristen Pavitt and American Samoa's John Quinn Lim, 6-3, 7-6 (5), to round out the Top 3, while Song and Schorr finished fifth after outlasting Kiribati's Banien Ioera and Tuvalu's Gavin Molotii, 6-4, 2-6, 10-4.

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starting four games last season. He's anchoring a defensive line that's the strength of PSU's team. He'll likely be a starter this year," Bynum said in his report.

The Vikings will play its first game of the season on Sept. 5 against Washington State in Pullman and in a separate message sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Talalemotu said he is looking forward to their first match.

"We are halfway through camp and so far it looks like I have a good chance to start. I started the last four games last year, but you never know," he said.

Talalemotu, who used to play basketball and football for Beaverton High School and won third team All-Metro League honors as a defensive end, added he will have his family and the victims of Typhoon Soudelor on his mind when they collide against Washington State.

"I just want to say to all the people back home and all my family that I'm doing this for them. I wish I could be home to help everyone but I can't. I will be thinking of you all on Sept. 5 when we play against Washington State. I'm going to play for you all so just watch," the 22-year-old player said.

The son of Fa'aea Talalemotu and Tamara Hunter will be playing in his junior year for the Vikings. He redshirted for PSU in 2012 before playing his rookie year in 2013 where he served as a backup defensive end and recorded 15 tackles in the season and two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Last year, he started out at defensive tackle but later moved back to defensive end where he earned praises from the Vikings' coaching staff. The 6-foot-3 player had four starts in 11 games and totaled 28 tackles, five tackles for loss, and 4.5 sacks—which was tied for the team lead. He played his best game against Sacramento State last season, making 10 tackles and one sack. The former Kagman High School basketball player also had a notable performance against Idaho State after registering eight tackles and 2.5 sacks and forcing a fumble.

Despite these accomplishments, Bynum said Talalemotu remained grounded.

"I'm just playing, trying to get better," Talalemotu was quoted as saying in an interview with Bynum.

After their opener versus Washington State, Talalemotu and company's next matches are against Idaho State on Sept. 12, Western Oregon on Sept. 26, North Dakota on Oct. 3, North Texas on Oct. 10, Montano State on Oct. 17, Cal Poly on Oct. 24, Montano on Oct. 31, Northern Colorado on Nov. 7, Southern Utah on Nov. 14, and Eastern Washington on Nov. 21.

The Vikings are in NCAA Division I's Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and members of the Big Sky Conference. They hold their home games at Providence Park.

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Lee clinches U16 singles crown

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The CNMI's Carol Lee outlasted Palau's Ayana Rengiil in a marathon finale in the girls U16 singles event of the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday at the Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

Lee needed three hours and three minutes to beat Rengiil and hand the Commonwealth its lone championship in the POJC.

With Lee and Rengiil being familiar with each other's game, having joined forces in the doubles event of the same tournament and in a few other competitions early this year, the finalists went back and forth in the first two sets. The second-ranked Rengiil drew first blood with a 6-3 victory in the opening set, but the top-seeded Lee foiled the former's upset bid with a thrilling 7-6 (4) win in the second. In the deciding super tiebreaker third set, Lee rode on the momentum she got in the second to cruise to a 6-0 triumph and end the more than three-hour finale, which was the longest match in the entire tournament.

Joining Lee and Rengill in the Top 3 was the Solomon Islands' Georjimah Row, who downed compatriot Vinda Tealy in the consolation match, 6-0, 6-4.

In other results, the CNMI missed a second singles championship after Tania Tan fell to the top-ranked Naia Guitton of Tahiti, 1-6, 0-6, in the girls U14 division. Malika Miyawaki also lost to Guitton's teammate Lea Lamorelle, 2-6, 1-6, to finish fourth, while Mimi Sakano won over Vanuatu's Daisy Spiti, 6-4, 6-2, and Rosalie Molballeh, 6-3, 6-4, to place fifth in the 12-player field.

In the boys U14 singles, Robbie Schorr prevailed against fellow CNMI player Ken Song, 6-2, 6-2, to complete the Top 3 behind champion Clement Mainguy of Vanuatu and Tahiti's Gillian Osmont. Mainguy pulled off an upset over the top-ranked Osmont in the finals, 7-5, 6-4.

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Carol Lee, seen here waiting for a return from her opponent during a local tournament late last year, won the girls U16 singles title in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday in Fiji.

Vincent Tudela, the Commonwealth's third player in the division, made it to the semifinals of the consolation bracket and finished at No. 11 out of the 16 players in the age group.

In the girls U12 division, Conatsu Kaga gave the CNMI its second third place finish after topping Tahiti's Meherio Tautu, 6-1, 6-1. Top seeded Eleanor Schuster of Samoa won the division following a finals sweep against Fiji's Saoirse Breen, 6-3, 6-3. Ericka Tuttle and Conatsu's younger sister Coume ended up at sixth and eighth place, respectively.

In the boys U12 division, Ji Min Woo made it to the finals of the consolation bracket and was ranked No. 10 following a tough 6-1, 0-6, 6-10 loss to the Federated State of Micronesia's Jerson Freddy. Seung Jin Paik, on the other hand, won his last game in the division against Samoa's Corey Duseigneur, 6-2, 6-3, to finish at No. 11.

2 runner-up awards in doubles

The CNMI added two runner-up awards in the doubles to its collection after the Kaga siblings and Tan and Miyawaki settled for second place in their respective divisions.

The Kaga sisters dropped

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Savali Talalemotu, right, in action during a preseason game with Portland State University last year.

Talalemotu poised to start for Vikings

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The CNMI's Savali Talalemotu is likely to make it to the starting unit of Portland State University and is dedicating the Vikings' season opener to Saipan.

In a report written by Nate Bynum for KATU Sports, the reporter said PSU head coach Bruce Barnum has seen significant improvement from Talalemotu since he suited up for the Vikings in 2013. "He immediately made an impact at PSU,

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Makalaro Lang eases past foe

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Makalaro Lang picked up where it left off to waltz past Hard Kulangot, 74-61, in their game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.

Makalaro Lang and Hard Kulangot played the continuation of their rained-out match last Aug. 1 with the former turning a 40-31 halftime lead to a double-digit spread in the second half behind Ivan Devero and Errol Peredo.

Peredo and Devero, who combined for 28 of Makalaro Lang's total output in the first 20 minutes of play kept going in

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Makalaro Lang's Ivan Devero pulls up for a jumper against Jomel Pollisco during the second half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.